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Sudanese demonstrate against regime

KHARTOUM (AP) - Sudanese police fired tear-gas Monday 10 disperse thousands of students demonstrating against the government, and at teast 10 people were reportedly wounded. The protesters from Khartoum University, a traditional horbed of

incest, shouted slogans against Lieutenant-General Omar Al

Bashir's government and Hassan Tourabi, the Islamic leader considered the real power in Sudan, Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) said. Students from other universities in the capital joined the protests, burning cars and at least two banks, the

news agency said. Police tried to disperse the crowds with the tear

aid not say how many injured were police or civilians. There was no immediate comment from the Sudanese government. Periodic protests have broken out at Khartoum University, the site of

several uprisings that have toppled past Sudanese government

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Spanish leader arrives

AMMAN (J.T.) — Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gon-zalez arrived here late Monwith His Majesty King Husleaders on Jordanian-Spanish relations, the Middie East peace process and the European Union's plans to hold a meeting of EU members with nnn-EU states in the Mediterranean region in November in Bar-celona. Mr. Gonzalez, who arrived here after visits to Israel and the Gaza Strip, was received upon arrival by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and senior

Kabariti receives Algerian message

AMMAN (Petra) — Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti Monday received a message from his Algerian counterpart Mohammad Al Danbari dealing with Jordanian-Algerian relations and developments in the Arah World. The message was delivered to Mr. Kabariti by Algerian Ambassador to Jordan Al Hashimi Qaddouri

Israeli in bomb plot is bailed

TEL AVIV (AFP) - A 25year-old Israeli suspected of planning to bomb Palestinian targets has been freed on hail and put under house arrest, lawyers said Monday. Gil Dahari, an interior ministry building inspector, was arrested on Aug. 20 after telling an undercover agent he intended to plant a bomb on an Arab bus. However, the prosecution and defence struck a deal Sunday whereby Dahari surrendered his passport and agreed to house arrest. Police believe he was also preparing carbombs to be left in Palestinian villages.

Darwish to return to Gaza Strip

GAZA CITY (AFP) -Leading Palestinian poet. Mahmoud Darwish, who opposes the autonomy accords, is due to arrive in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday after 24 years in exile, the Palestinian news agency WAFA said. The report said Mr. Darwish had permission to settle in the autonomous zones of Gaza or Jericho on the West Bank, but did not reveal if he intends to do so.

Israeli forces kill 2 in Lebanon

KIRYAT SHMONA (AFP) Two guerrillas died in clashes Monday with Israeli forces in the "security zone" the Jewish state occupies in southern Lebanon, military officials said. According to security sources in the zone, the two were part of a Palestinian group which attacked the South Lehanon Army, a militia financed by Israel. An Israeli helicopter joined the exchange of anti-tank rockets and automatic gunfire near Tallussa. Two other fighters appeared to have escaped, said the Israeli officials who reported no casualties on

Convicted Israeli

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killer to be freed TEL AVTV (AP) - A former Israeli soldie who killed a Palestinian man and wounded 10 others with an anti-tank rocket 11 years ago will be released from prison, officials said Monday. David Ben-Shimol, 30, will be freed next Tuesday after a parole board on Monday cut a third of his 17-year jail term for Ben-Shimol stole the rocket from his army base in 1984 and fired it at a bus carrying Palestinian workers in Jerusalem. He said the attack was meant to avenge the killing of Israelis by Palestinian guerril-

Israel, PLO to sign self-rule on Sept. 21

HEBRON, Occupied West Bank (Agencies) — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) set Sept. 21 as a new target date for signing a West Bank autonomy agreement, an Israeli government official said

Monday. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said he was confident the two sides could solve the key sticking point, the dispute over who will control the tense town of Hebron where 450 Jewisb settlers live among 120,000 Palestinians.

Israeli reports suggested that a compromise on Hebron was being worked out under which Israeli soldiers would leave the city in stages as armed Palestinian police-

men took up some posts. Hebron bas been a site of escalating friction between . Jewish settlers and Palestinian residents in recent days.

A fresh confrontation erupted Monday when Palestinian elementary school students hoisted a flag in their schoolyard, located just opposite a Jewish settler compound. When settlers tried to remove the flag, a shouting match ensued and Israeli police stepped in, confiscating the banner.

Tensions have been running high since a Palestinian from the nearby town of

fence systems caused "severe

damage," the North Atlantic

Treaty Organisation (NATO) said Monday.

However, an official said

the system was not complete-

ly destroyed and that they

will continue to attack it as

long as it poses a threat to

The missiles were fired

from the USS Normandy late

Sunday, aimed at radar,

surface-to-air missile sites

and communications stations

we caused severe damage to

some of those targets," said Group Captain Trevor Mur-

ray at a briefing for reporters.

attacking only targets it con-

siders important for the Bos-

nian Serh military. Asked

whether the missiles caused

any civilian casualties, Capt.

Murray said NATO bad no

indication the attacks hit civi-

He did not rule out further

attacks by cruise missiles,

used for the first time in the

"If suitable, we may well

use it again, as we will use

other types of weapons."

In its first public assess-

ment of the damage, NATO

refused to give any specifics

on what exactly was hit and

war in Bosnia.

Capt. Murray said.

NATO bas maintained it is

There are indications that

in northwestern Bosnia.

pilots.

Halhoul was shot dead by men in Israeli army uniforms last Friday, and police later said the assailants may have

been Jewish extremists.
... We deplore any attempt to assassinate an in-nocent Palestinian as happened in Halhoul. We'll do our best to find those who carried out the criminal act and to bring them to court,' Mr. Rabin told reporters.

On Friday, gunmen dres-sed in Israeli military uniforms shot dead 25-year-old Salman Zamari at his home in Halboul.

The army said it was not involved, and the far-right Jewish group Eyal claimed responsibility.

On Sunday, settlers threw stones and bottles at Hebron school girls marching with a Palestinian flag.
Still, Israel and the PLO

negotiators appeared confident that they could solve the complex Hebron problem in the coming days. The two sides bave set

Sept. 21 as a new target date for the oft-postponed signing of an autonomy accord at the White House, said an Israeli government official. There is an air of cool

optimism, people ase talking about the 21st like it will happen, maybe something is cooking," said the official,

Serbs, reports severe damage

NAPLES (Agencies) - where. The general area of talks about Bosnia that the

Tomahawk cruise missiles the attack was in the Banja alliance's strikes against Bos-

fired at Bosnian Serb air de. Luka area, northwest of nian Serbs could jeopardise

Capt. Murray said NATO

forces have been equipped

with Tomahawk missiles

throughout the war, and that

the decision to use them was

made within the last week.

anti-aircraft defenses pose a high risk for pilots, which led

them to use the missiles. Aircraft have also been

hampered by had weather.

morning, aircraft encoun-

tered shoulder-fired missiles.

which shot down a French

plane two weeks ago, officials

All aircraft returend safely.

Banja Luka is near where

air force Capt. Scott O'Grady

was shot down by a Serb missile on June 2 while on a

NATO mission to enforce the

ban on flights over Bosnia.

He was rescued six days later.
Capt. Murray said the decision to use the missiles was

not directly related to Capt. O'Grady but that "the risk to

pilots is of prime concern" to

Thirteen cruise missiles,

each costing \$1.3 million,

were fired from the Norman-

dy, cruising in the Adriatic.

F-18 fighter-bombers from

the USS Roosevelt also took

NATO at hastily convened

Russia, meanwhile told

NATO planners.

part in the attack.

In attacks again Monday

NATO officials said the

NATO fires Tomahawks at

speaking on condition of anonymity

Under the emerging autonomy accord, Israel has agreed to withdraw its troops from six West Bank towns, but has said it must leave some soldiers in Hebron to guard the settlers.

Israel insists on overall control over security in Hebron, but has offered to leave some Hebron neighbourboods where several dozen armed Palestinian policemen would be posted.

Israel also said that if Hebron remained quiet, troops could leave additional areas in several stages.

The Palestinians have said they would accept a gradual pullout from Hebron, but that Israel would have to commit itself to a firm timet-

The Davar daily said Monday that under the latest Israeli proposal, the Hebron withdrawal would be completed by 1997.

Mr. Rabin suggested Mon-day that a solution was near.

"I believe we and the Palestinians will come to an agreement which will meet the needs of both sides," Mr. Rabin told reporters. "The sooner we can do it, the

efforts to seek a settlement in

more it is difficult to imple-

ment a settlement," Russia's

Amhassador to Belgium

Vitaly Churkin told reporters

after 90 minutes of talks with

ambassadors of the NATO

ing the last few days and the

situation has not improved,"

The meeting between Mr. Churkin and the amhassadors of the 16 NATO members

was held on the request of

It was the second of its type

since Russia and NATO

agreed in late May to hold

regular and open talks but

the first time that NATO

officials gathered at the re-

were more measured than

statements made last week by

Russian President Boris Yelt-

sin, who warned that

NATO's aggressive role in

Bosnia was threatening Rus-

sian relations with the

On Friday, Mr. Yeltsin threatened to provide the

Serbs - wbo like most Rus-

sians are of Slavic origin -

with military aid if the raids

Mr. Churkin's . comments

quest of Bosnia.

he said.

"There was a lot of bomb-

member states in Brussels.

"The more bombing, the

the former Yugoslavia.

'Jordan's pivotal role has nothing to do with hegemony or interference' said that peace can only en-

AMMAN (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Monday stressed that Jordan was assuming a pivotal role in the Middle East but the role was not founded on hegemony or a desire to interfere in the affairs of other countries.

officials (Petra photo)

In a lecture he delivered at the headquarters of the Fourth Royal Mechanised Division attended by officers studying at the Royal War College, the Crown Prince said Jordan was not interested in making temporary

"A pivotal role means the ability of the state to crystallise a comprehensive formula appiness to its people and countries in the region, socio-economic development,to ensure comprehensive security and avoid any move towards wars and conflicts," he said.

KING, QUEEN RETURN HOME: Their Majesties King Hussein and

Queen Noor returned home on Monday after a private visit to Britain,

where the King held talks with Prime Minister John Major. The King

and Queen were received upon their return home by Their Royal

Highnesses Prince Mohammad, Princess Taghreed and Crown Prince

Hassan, members of the royal family, Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben

Shaker, members of Parliament, Cabinet ministers and high-ranking

"Jordan's central geographic location imposes on it special responsibilities towards enhancing security and peace in the region," he'

Stressing the need for the Middle East to live in peace, he said that nearly \$200 biltion were wasted in the past on weapons and conflicts which drained the region's resources and made all parties feel that the region was unstable and exposed to continued tension.

The Crown Prince said that peace in the region will en-Jordan's commitment to peace means its commitment to help achieve security for the Arab region, he said. He dure and be concrete if it is just and gives benefits to all

Over the past seven decades, Jordan has always had a clear vision as to its pivotal role and has never imposed its role on others, he said.

Referring to the peace treaty with Israel, the Crown Prince said that peace is a strategic objective, and we consider the treaty not as a mere slogan but we have to prove to the opponents of peace that it is a project which is of benefit to all parties.

He said that the Middle East "is in need of peace that its peoples and is a long-term strategy that ensures a comprehensive settlement to the Arab-Israeli conflict.'

Experts agree Jordan deserves world support

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- A sharply-focused debate by American, Israeli, Jordanian and Arab officials, scholars and diplomats on Jordan-Israel peace and its impact on the Middle East concluded Monday in Amman with an affirmation that Jordan deserves international support for the bold step it look to make peace.

It was not immediately spelt our what specific form and shape such support should take, but there was unanimous agreement that long-term investments that would help Jordan's economic development would be one of the means to do so. In addition, more Americans

should be encouraged to visit Jordan so that their familiarity with the Kingdom would help influence thinking in the U.S. Congress, and Washington should also seek to increase U.S. imports from Jordan, the experts said.

Furthermore, the U.S. could also encourage its friends in Europe to follow Washington's lead in extending deht relief to Jordan, they said. On the regional front,

said the experts, one of the key means for economic development is close interaction among Jordan, the Palestinians and Israel. The debate, held under the

title "Building on Peace" and organised by the Washington Institute for

Near East Policy and Jordan's Institute for-Diplomacy, brought into focus issues such as Jordan's post-peace relations with Israel and the Palestinians, its role in speeding up the other tracks of negotiations in the Middle East peace. process, and the economic development of the Kingdom and the region.

Held away from media limelight, the event was rather rare in that the order of the day was direct, to-thepoint comments rather than diplomatically shrouded assertions.

Actively participating in Monday's last session, called "Eminent Persons Roundtable," were Fred

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Uneasiness only a cloud. Darwazeh tells Iraq

BAGHDAD (Agencies) -Uneasiness in ties between iraq and Jordan over the defection of a senior official from Baghdad has pas-sed like a "summer cloud," Jordanian Minister of Energy and Mineral Re-sources Sameh Darwazeh told the official Iraqi press on Monday.

"What bappened is a summer cloud which has cleared up," Mr. Darwazeh told the Al Jumhouriya

Mr. Darwazeh, the first Jordanian official to visit Iraq since President Saddam Hussein's son-in-law General Hussein Kamel defected to Amman on Aug 8, said his four-day visit "is very important for the Iraqi and Jordanian

He denounced press reports of a possible break in relations between Iraq and Jordan as "a campaign of lies aimed at harming the two countries."

Mr. Darwazeb, who arrived Saturday, said his country would continue importing Iraqi oil, adding that Jordan "has no plans to buy it elsewhere or build a pipeline with another country."

Iraq is the only country supplying oil to Jordan, which imports 70,000 harreis a day under an exemption to the U.N. sanctions imposed on Baghdad after it invaded Kuwait in August 1990.

Iraqi Oil Minister Amer Rasheed said Sunday after talks with Mr. Darwazeb to sign an accord to develop petroleum projects, including the establishment of a joint company to build an oil pipeline.

Baghdad would also provide aid to Amman to develop Jordan's oil fields, he

The pipeline to Jordan will cost an estimated \$500 million and will be able to carry 100,000 barrels of crude per day in the initial

The Iraqi News Agency juoted Mr. Darwazeh as telling reporters: "By finishing this project, we will do without the trucks we're using now to transport large amounts of oil between the two conn-

The trucking operation is expensive and hazardous, costing Amman about JD 30 million a year.

Mr. Darwazeh arrived in the Iraqi capital late Satur-

His comments on press ing on with the pipeline project contradicted media reports in Amman that Jordan bas ordered a study on the scheme frozen because Iraq bas "financing problems" over paying for its section of the pipeline.

Merged leftists assert they seek to consolidate democracy

continued.

By Natasha Bukhari Special to the Jordan Times

THE MERGER of three leftist political parties and two groups of pan-Arab and independent activists announced last week has drawn mixed reaction, with sceptics questioning the political weight of the new entity while its members see the move as an emerging trend that bodes well for a united left in the country.

The merger is indeed an unprecedented move in Jordan and seen as moving away from pesonal rivalry among political parties towards cooperation in realising the same aspired goals of the left - mainly the consolidation of democracy in Jordan — as well as facing the negative aspects of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty on the Kingdom. Nothing new as far as

opposition parties are con-

cerned, observers say. But members of the newly estab-

lished party insist that the approach is a fresh initiative that distinguishes them from their peers.

The move has been admired hy many optimists, who say that the merger represents the left's eagerness to cooperate under one umbrella. But sceptics say that the move was prompted by the three parties' insignificant weight as independent groups and was a necessary measure rather a political decision based on convictions.

Either way, the decision has given the left momentum and a driving force to cooperate as a pragmatic team with a mission, observers believe. The new party believes

that every nationalist, regardless of his/her ideological background, has the right to establish a democratic and nationalistic Jordan, says Issa Mdanat, who was elected as head of the new party that now combines the Arab Democratic Party (ADP),

the Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) and the Democratic Socialist Party (DSP), headed by Mazen Saket, Mr. Mdanat, and Ali Amer respectively.

We give everyone their right to personally believe in their ideologies, be it a leftist, Marxist, democratie, or religious... We agree on a political programme rather than an ideological one. The programme is aimed at creating a future based on Arah Unity, democracy and social progress," said Mr. Mdanat.

Despite the identical aporoach this group has vis-avis the controversial issues being talked about by all the opposition parties, this party is unique in that it might provide an example of unity rather than mere preaching of unity," said one politician who asked not to be named. We will work towards unifying nationalists to fight

the political, social and eco-

nomic negative impact of the

Issa Mdanat

Jordan-Israel peace treaty," said Mr. Amer of the former DSP. The new Democratic Unity Party (DUP) will move away from "extremism and stern ideological rhetoric in favour of pragmatic workable, programmes," be said.

This is criticism of the Islamists, whose deep-rooted ideologies do not waver even if reality calls for flexibility, analysts say, citing as an ex-ample Islamists strong rejec-tion of the October 1994 Jordan-Israel peace treaty that was endorsed by Parliament despite the Islamists' battle against it.

"We have reservations about the peace treaty and will fight against the negative im-pacts of it, while the Islamic Action Front (IAF) rejects outright any kind of a peace agreement with Israel," Mr. Amer said, in what could be taken as a plea to the government to recognise the difference in attitude towards the peace treaty between the left and the Islamists. However, leftists insist that the otherwise unlikely coalition be-tween the left and the Islamists was imposed on them by the government.

The government is responsible for subduing the

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Three centrist parties announce merger plan

By Natasha Bukhari Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Three centrist parties on Sunday announced their intention to merge amid growing criticism of the poor performance of political parties in Jordan as well as what observers describe as the lack of cooperation among like-minded politicians.

The announcement of the intended merger between the Popular Unity Party (PUP), the Progress and Justice Party (PJP) and the Jordanian Arah Popular Party (JAPP) come on the heels of the merger of three leftist parties Thursday in what was seen as an effort by the left to pool its resources together and counter their more influential Islamist peers, who are leading the Kingdom's



Ali Sa'd

opposition parties. The centrists' decision to unite their parties comes at a time when their voice has been subdued due to the outspoken opposition against the October 1994 Jordan-Israel peace treaty

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Iran claims victory over 'sexual rights'

BEIJING (R) - Iran claimed victory on Monday in the defeat of a European bid to enshrine "sexual rights" at the United Nations world conference on women, saying European Union (EU) delegates were going home empty-handed.

After a weekend of heated closed-door debate over women's health issues, negotiators from dozens of countries teached consensus late on Sunday on a compromise that deletes the Europeansponsored phrase from the conference's draft platform for action.

"It was Iran that causedthe delegation of the phrase 'sexual rights' from the document and the European Union was very much against this," said Iran's Vice President for Women's Affairs Shahla Habibi, who headed the Islamic republic's conference delegation.

"They (the European Union) are eoing home emptyhanded because of this delerion." she said in an inter-

Ms., Habibi said Iran and several other countries had no choice but to oppose the phrase because it was not clearly defined and because it threatened Iran's rraditional concept of family, a man and a woman bound in marriage.

Critics of the Europeanrights drive, who included the Vatican, has attacked it for seeking to legitimise or legalise what rhey regard as immoral family unions, including those comprising homosexual partners.

The phrase "sexual rights" could have been interpreted to include non-traditional partnerships, such as homosexual partnerships. It was replaced by the words "human rights."

another battle over one of the most hotly disputed phrases in the document, which will chart a course for women in .nexr decade, replacing the word "equality" with "equi-

Iran has lobbied hard against the use of "equality" min the conference document, saying it was relative and open to interpretation. It favoured the term "equity" in the belief that under Islam the rights of men and women are "complementary" rather than equal.

mittee has not received any

diesel oil in ships arrested by

Gulf, the Middle East Econo-

mic Survey (MEES) newslet-

ter said Monday. The U.N. Sanctions Com-

mittee ruled last November

that ships carrying contra-band Iraqi oil which are

arrested by allied naval pat-

rols in the Gulf should be

sold and proceeds paid into a

to cover claims against Bagh-

dad following its invasion of

Kuwait in August 1990 and to

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of the oil.

lran also opposes universal norms of human rights. saying such a concept undermines Islamic values because it is too broad to embrace what Ms. Habibi called "all the customs and all the diversity in the world."

"These terms such as equality have not created miracles because of their limitations." she said. "If they are not completed with such words as equity, they will never create miracles."

Despite the sexual-rights compromise, Ms. Habibi said Iran still would append formal reservations to the platform for action, saying even the compromise language was unacceptable.

Ms. Habibi said her delegation had come to hear the views of others and to defend its own and would express reservations about any language in the document that Iran felt was "against our

religion or beliefs."

She assailed a coalition of Iranian resistance groups that . marched outside her hotel on Monday to denounce what they said was Tehran's brutality, hostility and discrimination towards women. These of course are our enemies." Ms. Habibi said.

"Many times more women inside Iran would deny what they are saying about us." she said. "It is not like that in Iran. Why should we accept the word of a small group? They are not going to say-anything nice about us.

Exiled resistance groups
have used the women's con-

ference in a major publicity drive against Tehran, alleging Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini's 1979 Islamic revolution, which initially attracted women's support. had turned viciously against their sex.

"Women can never be Iran also hoped to win empowered in a country, where the stoning of women for adultery is allowed." said resistance activist Mahi Stokes, a one-time Khomeini supporter who later fled to

Chinese security guards cordoned off the demonstration but did not interfere.

Many resistance groups support the anti-fundamentalist Iranian parliament-in-exile headed by Maryam Rajavi. a woman who advocates replacing the Islamic theocracy with a liberal democracy.

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do not escape the trade sanc-

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verted 14 vessels violating the

sanctions. since October

1994 - nine carried oil and

St. Vincent-flagged Fair

Sky vessel was arrested last



GONZALEZ ARRIVES: Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez, who arrived here late Monday on a two-day visit during which he will hold talks with His Majesty King Hussein and other Jordanian leaders on Jordanian-Spanish relations (see page one), is received upon arrival by Minister Sharif Zeid Beu Sbaker (photo above) and senior officials (Photo

Jordanian business team begins 6-day Palestinian visit tomorrow

AMMAN (J.T.) — Invited by the Jerusalem-based Fed-eration of Palestinian Cham-. bers of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture a joint de-legation of the Amman Chamber of Industry and the Amman Chamber of Commerce is due to visit the Palestinian territories on a six-day tour beginning

Wednesday. The delegation will be jointly led by Kbaldonn Abdu Hassan, chairman of the Amman Chamber of In-dustry, and Haidar Murad, chairman of the Amman Chamber of Commerce, accompanied by some of the board members.

The formation of the joint delegation, according to Mr. Abu Hassan, emphasises the Jordanian resolve to promote and consolidate joint institutional work, acting on equal footing to achieve the common objective of both cham-

The delegation will visit Jerusalem, and Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Gaza, Nablus, Ramailah, Hebron, Bethlebem and Jericbo and hold meetings with the president and board of directors on all issues of mutual concern and means to further enhance and strengthen trade and endeavour to remove all barriers against the smooth movement of all private sector commodities



Khaldoun Abu Hassan

and services between the two sides of the River Jordan. Mr. Abu Hassan said the delegation will also tour a number of Palestinian manufacturing establishments to

gain precise knowledge of

Palestinian products' quality

and explore possibilities of complementarities.
"We will emphasise the need to activate all signed Jordan-Palestinian agreements, whether formally concluded between the Jordan government and the Palestinian National Authority or exhibition in the Palestinian between the Amman cham- territories to acquaint Palestibers of commerce and indus-

The talks in the Palestinian territories will cover

try and the Palestinian coun-



· Jordanian-Palestinian economic relations, a proposal to set a joint higher council of Jordanian and Palestinian chambers, and the possibility of convening a Jordanian-Palestinian economic conference of businessmen to lay down fundamentals of cooperation in industry, contracting, insurance, tourism, and transport, Mr. Abu Hassan

Mr. Abu Hassan said the delegation will offer to organise a Jordanian industrial nian businessmen with the quality and diversity of ordanian manufacturers and to assess the Palestinian mar-

Experts meet in Hurghada today to review R&D in Western Asia

HURGHADA (ESCWA In- survive in national and interformation Office) — A threeday expert group meeting to discuss means of revitalising research and development activities in the Western Asia region begins to day. .. in Hurghada, Egypt. Coorganised by the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO), in cooperation with Egypt's Ministry of State for Scientific Research, the meeting seeks to evaluate the past role of research and development institutions and to

month by the U.S. Navy on discuss rheir future role. suspicion that it was carrying The substantial changes 3.500 tonnes of Iraqi diesel. and developments taking MEES reported that the place in the world today have diesel exports were done been caused mainly by a sci-entific and technological re-volution, In addition, interthrough companies owned by Saddam Hussein's son Uday. Iraqi ships impounded by the U.N. maritime intercept operation are typically turned over to the authorities at the national political and economic relations have witnessed massive changes, the main result of which has been in-Gulf port where the ship is creased political and econobeld and the local governmic openness. In order for ment decides how to dispose

national markets, it bas become necessary for them to keep abreast of technological developments and to modernise their products and their production methods. The experiences of various newly industrialised nations have proven that the only way to achieve these goals is through the invigoration of local scientific and technological capabilities and the augmentation of centres' participation in production and

In addition to reviewing and evaluating the activities implemented by research and development centres, the ex-pert group meeting will dis-cuss the factors that have aided the centres in achieving their goals and overcoming obstacles. The meeting will also attempt to define the principal features of administrative, organisational, and technical change that must take place within research and development centres in national corporations to keep order for them to achieve the qualitative changes that their competitive edge and to

development activities.

would enable them to shoulder their new responsibilities. Participating in the meet-

ing are various national re-

search and development in-

stitutions that have also assisted in preparing for the meeting. These include the Academy of Scientific Research and Technology of Egypt, the National Research Centre in Egypt, the Higher Institute of Applied Sciences and Technology in Syria, the Royal Scientific Society in Jordan, the Higher Council for Science and Technology in Jordan, the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, the Bahrain Centre for Studies and Research, the Sultan Qaboos University in Mus-cat, Oman, the Centre for Scientific and Applied Re-search at Qatar University, and the Centre of Science and Technology at Sana University in Yemen. In addition, a number of the most prominent experts in the fields of science and technology inside and outside the ESCWA region are participating in the meeting.

Murayama due in Mideast today

DUBAI (R) — Japan's: Prime Minister Tomiicbi Murayama will tour the Middle East this week to underline Tokyo's intention to play a bigger role in the Arab-Israeli peace process, Japan's ambassador to Saudi Arabia said on Monday.

Mr. Murayama is due to Mr. Murayama is due to arrive in Saudi Arabia on Tuesday in what will be the first visit by a Japanese prime minister to the Middle East since the 1993 Israel-Palestine Liberation Organization (DI) nisation (PLO) peace accord. He will go on to Egypr, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip and

"He will demonstrate to the world that Japan is trying to get involved with the peace process. Japan has been increasing its political role in this area." Ambassador Minoru Tamba told Reuters by telephone from Riyadh.
"Murayama wants to en-

courage the Middle East peace process," he said.
'The second purpose of the visit is to npgrade our bilater-al relations."

Mr. Murayama's tour is also the first time a Japanese prime minister visits the region since the 1990-91 Gulf

Japan sent mine-sweepers

'Iraq holds

Egyptians'

CAIRO (AFP) — At least

1,000 Egyptians are being

held in two Iraqi prisons and

several have died from being

tortured, according to Egyp-

tian prisoners recently re-leased by Baghdad.

The government daily Al

Ahram on Monday cited

several of them, who indi-

cated that "635 Egyptians are

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Another former prisoner,

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Hodhod, another former

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According to Al Ahram,

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Tomiichi Mnrayama to the region after a U.S.-led coalition ended Iraq's sevenmonth occupation of Kuwair

in 1991, but Japanese troops did not fight in the Gulf war.

Mr. Murayama will bold talks with Saudi Arabia's King Fahd, Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and King Hussein, Mr. Tamba said.

A delegation of 60 government officials will accompany

Last year Japan pledged \$200 million worth of aid to

support self-rule in the West Bank town of Jericho and the Gaza Strip.
Tokyo has also decided to

despatch civil defence forces to United Nations peacekeeping operations in the Golan heights, a sticking point in Israel-Syria peace negotiations.

Japanese newspapers re-ported last month that Mr. Murayama was likely to make announcements on Japan's despatch of monitors for Palestinian elections in the West Bank and on investment in a planned Middle East development bank. Israel and the PLO have

asked Japan to send the monitors but Mr. Tamba said the issue was still undecided.

He said Mr. Murayama would also seek to boost Japan-Saudi trade and promote joint ventures.

Japan imports one million barrels per day (bpd) of oil from Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil producer. The supply meets 22 per cent of Japan's oil consumption.

Bilateral trade has expanded in the past five years, with \$8.4 billion in Saudi oil and non-oil exports to Japan in 1994. Japan exported \$3.2 billion worth of goods to Saudi Arabia.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Israel says W. Bank shooting was accident

TEL AVIV (R) — The Israeli army said Sunday a soldier wounded in the occupied West Bank apparently shot himself by accident. Initial reports bad quoted Israeli security sources as saying unidentified gunmen in a car bearing licence plates of occupied West Bank Palestinians had apparently fired at the Israeli, who was guarding a levish settlement. "An Israeli soldier was lightly wounded." Jewish settlement. "An Israeli soldier was bightly wounded tonight from shooting at the Roi settlement in the Jordan Valley," a military source said. "Apparently his gun misfired. The incident occurred when the soldier was guarding the settlement gate. The army is checking the report." Israel Radio said the army suspected the lightly wounded soldier had fabricated the story of gunmen in a car to cover up his misbap. The shooting happened at the Roi settlement, 28 kilometres north of Jericho.

Kurdish guerrillas storm village, kill 9

DIYARBAKIR (AP) - Kurdish rebels burned homes and shot villagers in one of the largest raids in months, killing nine residents including a Muslim clergyman and two children, officials said Saturday. Five guerrillas were reportedly killed by pursuing soldiers. The attack, which also left 18 villagers injured, is part of stepped up pressure by Kurdish rebels on villages that refuse to help them or aid the security forces. Previously, rebels refrained from targeting villages in an attempt to gain popularity among the local people in southeastern Turkey. The regional governor's office said the guerrillas set fire to eight houses in Bulakbasi in the Sirnak province before escaping into the mountains. The dead included the village imam, two children and two women. Kurdish rebels have been fighting for autonomy in southeast Turkey since 1984. More than 16,000 people bave been killed in the conflict.

Gulf Air flight makes emergency landing

ABU DHABI (AP) — A Gulf Air jetliner made an emergency landing here after a false fire alarm, an airline official said Sunday. Nobody was burt. The Airbus A-320 landed Saturday at Abu Dhabi international airport after an alarm showed smoke in a toilet and in the cargo hold while it was flying over the United Arab Emirates. But after the landing, engineers found no trace of smoke or-fire, said the official, speaking on condition on anonymity. Flight GF174 bad taken off from Doha, Qatar with 24 passengers and was heading for the Omani capital Muscat. Most of the passengers resumed their trip aboard another Muscat-bound Gulf Air flight.

Iraqi, U.S envoys clash

JAKARTA (AFP) — Iraq's ambassador to Indonesia on Monday got involved in a slanging match with Washington's ambassador to the United Nations after accusing the United States of dominating the world body and destroying Iraq. The row flared during questions following a speech by U.S. Ambassador Madeleine Albright to academics, foreign ambassadors and journalists at the Department of Foreign Affairs here. "I think she would rather be a dominator than a partner at the U.N." Iraqi Ambassador Al Zubaidy told the audience. "The bebaviour of the U.N." Iraqi Ambassador Al Zubaidy told the audience. United States at the U.N. since the early 1980's has been one of dominance, not partnership," he said. Mr. Zubaidy said children and women were dying in Iraq from lack of medical supplies. "The people of Iraq know you very well. but they know you through the destruction that you have been causing them," he said to applause and cheers from some in the room.

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Princess Basma calls for promoting capabilities of youth worldwide

BEJING (Petra) - Her Royal Highness Princess Basma Monday called for promoting the creative capahilities of world youth in educational, health and other sectors because they represent the future of mankind.

Addressing a workshop dealing with the role of youth in development held on the sidelines of the U.N. World Conference on Women, the Princess said youth must be helped to become self-dependent, crearive and contributing to the development process within their own communities.

She said they should also be able to develop their own enhance their identity and be accepted by the other'sectors as essential partners in socio-economic develop-

The Princess earlier met with the vice president of the Chinese Peoples Council and discussed with her cooperation between Jordan and China on women's

Princess Basma outlined to the council vice president achievements and role



society of Jordanian

Also on the sidelines of the conference a coordinating committee for Arab conntries participating in the conference held a meeting under the chairmanship of Minister of Social Development Salwa Damen-Masri to review a draft for an international working plan on promoting world women's status which is being considered by the conference

delegations. The minister said after the meeting that the committee stressed the need for seeking financial aid from wealthy nations to help finance projects benefiting women in the developing countries.

The heads of Arab deleganons to the conference are due to hold a meeting Tuesday to determine the Arab countries' stand vis-a-vis press statements in China to the effect that Islam is the only religion which differentiates between and discriminates against women.

UNRWA workers stage sit-in at headquarters

Protestors say this is first of many actions against agency 'unfairness'

By Ghalia Alul Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — About 50 people gathered Monday in front of UNRWA headquarters in protest against the dismissal of the dean of the Educational Sciences Faculty, Izzeddin Manasrah.

The sit-in was agreed to by executive committee representatives Saturday, to reject what they called UNRWA's "repressive decision" to terminate Dr. Manasrah's services and appoint a new dean shortly after the dismissal.

Executive committee rep-

resentatives, student council members, refugee camp representatives and other supporters participated in the one-hour sit-in. This action was the first of a series of measures UNRWA workers plan to take in protest against the agency's failure to respond to their demands, one protester told the Jordan Times.

A cluster of demonstrators stood next to a colour-splattered banner that read "Dr. Manasrah's dismissal is unfair....we know secret....No,

One protester contended that the dean's dismissal was a political issue, and that the actual decision to fire him was taken five months ago.

"UNRWA waited until he made a mistake to announce his dismissal," he said.

Protesters argued that punitive actions such as terminating one's services are usually taken against those who steal or misuse their

"Dr. Manasrah is well respected among everybody who knows him. He was only trying to help Palestinian refugees without harming UNRWA" one prostestor

Executive committee representatives were further displeased with the agency's assignment of a new dean two days after terminating Dr. Manasrah's services. They said that a lengthy

procedure is required before appointing a new dean. And that usually takes months," they added.

UNRWA administration sources declined to meet with journalists Monday. Dr. Manasrah was dis-

missed last week for critisising the agency's decision to close down the faculty

which was then reversed after consultations with the government and the Palestine National Authority.

He was summoned by the director of UNRWA affairs in Jordan, Ele J. Saf, and his deputy for questioning about his public protests against the faculty's closure in two articles published in Al-Rai

daily. Dr. Manasrah was warned not to provide the press with information UNRWA's activities.

Bnt the dean, who said be made no promises about speaking to the press, spoke to the Jordan Times, and was consequently dismissed as of Sept. 5. The dean's dismissal was

condemned and described as "arbitrary" hy UNRWA executive committees, the student council and refugee camp representatives. In a statement distributed

during the sit-in, the student council preed UNRWA to reinstate the dean and said that the agency owed him an official apology.
"The dismissal did not tar-

get Dr. Manasrah as much as targeted Palestinian refugees who were denied the freedom of expression

and their right to reject unjust solutions for their problem." the statement added.

The Jordanian opposition parties expressed their parties "deep" worries over the dean's dismissal and said in a statement made available to the Jordan Times that they urged the agency to reinstate Dr. Manasrah,

They saw the dean's dismissal as a violation of human rights that guarantee the freedom of expression.

"Such an act does not come out of an agency relat-ed to the United Nations," the political parties' statement said. The parties called on the

local, Arab and international socienes to intervene to help bring back Dr. Manasrah. The Arab Association for

Comparative Literature at Annaba University in Algiers also rejected the decision to dismiss Dr. Manasrah who, it said, contributed to the educational and cultural fields in their country.

We vehemently condemn UNRWA's inhuman decision to fire the dean......This harms the agency's reputation," it said in a statement sent to the Jordan Times.

UNRWA workers have postponed a strike that was originally scheduled for Sept. 4, pending talks with the agency's Commissioner General, Ilter Türkmen who will arrive here Sept. 15.

The planned strike was to press demands for better health, education and social services as well as improved terms for end of service compensations and salary increases compatible with the rising cost of living.

Meanwhile, in a statement made available to the Jordan Times,members of UNRWA executive committees. refugee camp representanives and Jordanian writers called on His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, to come to an understanding with Mr. Türkmen to reconsider his decision to dismiss Dr. Manasrah, and urge him to repeal some rules that are incompatible with human rights and thus freedom of expression.

Netherlands to open embassy

British parliamentarians here for talks

AMMAN (Petra) —A visiting Dutch parliamentary delegation announced here Monday that the Netherlands will open an embassy in Amman early next year. The delegation made the amouncement at a meeting with Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti.

The visiting team, representing the Dutch parliamentary committee on foreign affairs, discussed with Kabarin Jordanian-Dutch relations and developments in the Middle East East and North Africa

peace process.

Also Monday, the Durent deputies, currently on a tolur of the Middle East, including Egypt, Israel and the Palestinian self-rule areas, vas received by House of Parliament Speaker Ahmad Lawzi, Speaker of the Lower House Saad Havel Srour and members of Parliament's foreign affairs committees.

P. Bukman, chairman of Dutch parliamentary committee said his delegation is touring the area to learn about developments in three members of Britain's the peace process. Mr. Bukman underlined the importance of the Middle East

region to Europe. The meeting was attended by senators Habes Majali, Marwan Hmoud, Abdul Aziz Khayyat, Jamal Nasser, Kamel Abu Jaber, Saeed Qasseem Obeidat, Ahmad Akaileh, Abdullah Salah and Amer Khammash.

At the meeting with House Speaker Srour, the speakers talked about the Middle > 974 (MENA) economic summit which will be held in Amman in October and said Jordan was looking forward to the active participation of friendly states at the summit.

> Also Monday, a visiting British delegation from the House of Commons met with Messrs. Lawzi and Srour and members of the foreign affairs committees. Talks at the meenings dealt with bilateral ries, the Middle East peace process and the coming MENA summit. The delegation includes

Conservative Party, Richard Alexander, Warren Hawksley, and the Rt. Honourable Sir Peter Lloyd; three members of the Labour Party, Paul Murphy, who is the shadow Foreign Office spokesperson, Neil Gerrard and Malcolm Wicks; and Liberal Democrats. two Charles Kennedy and Lord Redesdale.

Their tour is organised hy the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (CAABU). Accompanying the delega-

tion is CAABU representative Maria Holt.

The group is in Amman at the invitation of CAABU and hopes to meet with His Majesty King Hussein and is scheduled to meet His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan on Wednesday, oOn the group's itinerary are meetings with senior government officials and visits to some of the refugee camps in the country.

'Physiotherapy faculty is an urgent need'

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess Majda Raad, the chairperson of Al Hussein Society for the Rehabilitation of the Physically Handicapped, on Monday stressed the need for establishing a university faculty of physiotherapy offering bachelor's degrees. At a meeting with Minister

of Higher Education Rateb Saoud along with women offering care to the handicapped. Princess Majda said the need to open such a facultivat one of the government universities has become pressing since there are more than 8,000 registered handicapped persons

The Princess said it was proven that persons holding two-year diplomas are not qualified to offer the needed treatment to the physically handicapped, which highlights the need for having such a faculty offering bachelor's degrees.

She said physiotherapy

has become a profession requiring persons holding a minimum of a bachelor's degree to be able to perform their dunes.

She said holders of such degrees can be of help to doctors operating on limbs and can serve those injured in car accidents, poisining cases and fires.

In addition, she said, they can serve the tourism sector, especially tourists seeking medical treatment in Jordan. Dr. Saoud welcomed the idea and said the labour market in Jordan does not currently require many graduates with academic specialsations in the humanines.

He said it was urgent to meet the society's basic needs and start new majors at Jordanian universines.

The minister said the issue of opening a physiotherapy faculty will be discussed by the council of higher education which has the final say on the issue.

Court to review Zarga rape, murder case

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN- For the second time, the Court of Cassation will review the case of Shelish Mahmond Sbelish, 47. who was sentenced to death on May 7 by the Criminal Court for raping and murdering a Zarqa camp girl last March.

The Court of Cassation protested the ruling of the Criminal Court which sentenced Mr. Shelish to death for both crimes. Mr. Shelish's victim was Sammar Ghousein,a 10-year-old schoolgirt:

"It is just a technical matter," a judicial source told the Jordan Times Monday.

handed Mr. Shelish two sentences of execution. One for murder, and one for raping and sodomising a girl under 15," the source added.

Mr. Shelish, a service driver in Zarqa, lured Sammar into a wooden area in Yajouz on the afternoon of Feh. 23, and raped her, seven days

before the end of the month of Ramadan, according to court documents. Mr. Shelish said he placed

the girl's body in the trunk of his car, drove towards the Tabarhour area and threw the victim in a brush area. The child's body was

found the following day by a shepherd, after ber family notified police of her disappearance.

The accused, who is married to two women and has two children ages 7 and 8. told the authorities that he went back to Zarga and bought some groceries, went home and ate breakfast with his family, then changed his clothes and went back to

ramen, a schoolmate of Sammar's, told police she last saw Sammar riding in a hlue service car (the same colour as the accused's vehicle) and waving good-bye and smiling.

The witness told the court that she asked Sammar to get out, but she refused. Hours later, Fatmeh went and told Sammar's family what she had seen after she learned that they were looking for their danghter. A court-appointed lawyer

who represented Mr. Shelish in the case told the Jordan Times that recent efforts by the accused's family to reach a settlement with Sammar's family had failed.

"We tried to settle with the victim's family hut they refused," Fouad Bazari, Sbelish's attorney said.

Mr. Bazari had earlier asked the court to postpone announcing the -- verdict because he said that his client and the victim's family were trying to reach a settlement.

Ruhman Tawfiq, then turned down his request saying that the criminal court had finished reviewing the case.

According to judicial sources, the Court of Cassanon will probably finish reviewing the Criminal Court's order within the next

Ministry approves foreign press club

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Information Monday announced that representatives of the foreign press in Jordan will now he permitted to set up their own club provided that the club's objectives do not conflict with those of the Kingdom's

constitution and laws. Ministry Secretary General Nayef Mawla called in a group of foreign journalists to his office to inform them of the ministry's approval of a foreign press club in Jor-

Mr. Mawla later said that the decision to allow the club to be established was based on Article 9 of Ministry of Interior regulations on foreign correspondents

But Mr. Mawla stressed that the foreign journalists have to abide by regulations concerning the establish-

ment of the club which must be based in Amman. He said that the general assembly of journalists should, under the regularegistration approval for the

The club's objectives should be social and cultural and aim at enhancing relations among journalists as well as between Jordanian officials. The club, according to ministry opinion, should also hold seminars and lectures.

The club is not, however, expected to hold or promote any political activities, Mr. Mawla stressed.

Members of this club are to register with the Ministry of Information. They must

not be of Jordanian nationality nor be affiliated through employment to any government, Mr. Mawla said.

In his meeting with foreign journalists. Mr. Mawla said he had discussed arrangements for the provision of facilities to local and foreign journalists during the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) conference to help them cover the event. Foreign journalists will be allowed to bring in equipment for relaying their reports by satellite directly from the press centre, he added.

their application to establish

tions, elect a board to serve for six months following WHAT'S GOING ON

"Isamu Noguchi," at 5:00 p.m.

 Works of graphic art by several artists and students at the South

* Photography of Jordan, 'Elements in Harmony' by Hala Hilmi Hodeib at the Blue House.

'Embargo Art' by Iraqi artist Nuha Al Radi at the Garden of the Blue House. * 'Early Morning Scribbles' by Lebanese artist Amin Al Basha and

Tordanian artist Raiwa Bint Ali and 'Late Night Scribhles' by Amin Al Basha and Joranian artist Ali Open Air Sculpture workshop.

Ceramic shop at the Lower Garden. Works by contemporary Arab artists 3-D experiments in calligraphy by

*Abstract art by Iraqí artist Faris

Photographs on Jordan entitled "Jor-

Gallery for Culture and Art.

 Paintings hy Palestinian artist Samira Badran at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman.



RECKLESS RIDING: An extra passenger sits atop parcels on a pick up truck being driven through southeast Amman. (photo by Yousef Al 'Allan)

FILM

Bouillon de Culture: Chic! On va au cinéma," at the French Cultural Centre

"A Hot Night, " (in Arabic) at Abdul

Hameed Shoman Foundation at 7:30

POETRY RECITAL By Mahmoud Tal at the Phoenix

Gallery of Culture and Art at 7:00 p.m.

LECTURE The Palestinian Status on the Second Anniversary of the Oslo Accord," hy PNC member Mamdouh Nafal at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, at 6:30 p.m.

NEWS

McNeil-Lehrer News Hour at the merican Center at 5:00 p.m.

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EXHIBITIONS

* Display of painted stone and steel,

at the Central Gallery. Usama Khalidi at Library.

EXHIBITIONS

'Ashour at the Royal Cultural Centre. dan, One of a Kind" by Paula Williams-Brown and illustrations and water colours by Jordanian artist Ramzi El-Sayved at The Gallery, main lobby of Jordan InterContinental

* Arabic calligraphy at the Phoenix Works by Mohammad Ali Shakir at Ab'ad Art Gallery.

* Exhibition demonstrating the development of cinema over the past centu-

ry at the French Cultural Centre.

Adams: British and Irish must move on peace

DUBLIN (R) — Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams challenged the British and Irish governments Monday to end the paralysis of the Northern Ireland peace process caused by a row over disarming his IRA backers.

"The governments have the responsibility to move the peace process forward," Mr. Adams said as he prepared to leave on a five-day visit to the United States.

He accused Britain of strangling efforts to forge a lasting settlement by its insistence that the Irish Republican Army (IRA) disarm as a precondition for Sinn Fein joining talks.

The vacuum created hy the British government is most unhelpful," Mr. Adams told Irish Radio.

Mr. Adams is under pressure from Britain, Ireland and the United States administration to ease his rejection of calls that the IRA start handing over some of its Semtex plastic explosive

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U.S. officials said at the weekend that they would be pressing Mr. Adams to move towards disarmament when he visits the White House

this week. The talks are expected to cover British and Irish suggestions that an international panel be established to oversee the question of disarmament, possibly under Ameri-

can chairmanship. Former U.S. Senator George Mitchell, President Bill Clinton's Ireland economic advisor, is widely tipped as a likely chairman

of the body.

But U.S. officials were cautious. "All we've said is it's premature to discuss any U.S. government or private citizen role until there is a formal decision (to set up a commission)," one Washington official said.

President Clinton, a key mover in the peace process,

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Protestant loyalist gunmen to start disarming but has not said this should be a precondition for all-party talks Britain and Ireland hope to

hold ."The president has said that parties observing the ceasefire "must take the next step and begin to discuss seriously decommission-ing," be said. "we've made it clear to Sinn Fein and the loyalists that we expect movement on this issue." Jim Fetig, a White House

spokesman, noted. A planned Anglo-Irish summit last Wednesday collapsed when Ireland pulled out saying Sinn Fein would not work with the commission, fearing it would be a trap to get the IRA to disarm as a precondition for talks.

Irish Prime Minister John Bruton said Thursday that the two governments might have to take a go-it-alone approach and take what steps they thought necessary

and antomatic weapons to has called on the IRA and for the peace process if parties such as Sinn Fein could not agree in advance.

Mr. Adams told Irish Radio that it was up to the governments to decide what they thought was useful and Sinn Fein would study any proposals they made.

The peace process has been further clouded by the unexpected election last Friday of David Trimble as leader of the Protestant Ulster Unionist Party in Northern Ireland.

Mr. Trimhle, a hardliner opposed to any talks with Sinn Fein while the IRA is still a standing army, has suggested that the guerrillas should disband before the UUP will talk to it.

His election is seen complicating the peace proces and tying the hands of British Prime Minister John Major, who has a nine-seat majority in the House of Commons and has had to depend on UUP's nine votes in the past for survival.

Jesse Jackson Jr. to run for Congress Rainbow Coalition, his therefore, the only candidate father's political group. The who is presently running

He also pledged to refrain from negative campaigning, saying his opponents "are

Mr. Jackson is running to fill the seat left hy Mr. Reynolds, who last week announced his resignation, effective Oct. 1. Mr. Reynolds was convicted on underage campaign

A date for the special election has not been set, but Mr. Jackson's opponents include at least two Democrats and



Pope John Paul II kisses a one month old baby, the youngest participant in the European youth pilgrimage, in the central Italian town of Loreto (AFP photo)

Pope meets with youth in shrine city

LORETO, Italy (AP) — Across a narrow sea from Europe's worst bloodletting in 50 years, Pope John Paul Il Saturday urged young Europeans to maintain hope despite so many "shattered lives" in the Balkan war.

"Dear young people, reject narrow and violent ideologies. Stay far away from every form of hopeless nationalism and intolerance," Pope John Paul told the more than 200,000 youths from across Europe who had streamed into a plain near this shrine city.

The Pope sent his message directly to the heart of the war's nightmare: besieged Sarajevo, where several dozen young people gathered at the broadcast centre for a live television hook-up. Their faces and messages were displayed on a hnge screen behind the Pope.

"With special affection, I embrace you," he said. In the latest of his frequent condemnations of fighting m former Yugoslavia, Pope John Paul revealed an anguished tone.

A few hundred kilometres from here, on the other shore of the Adrianic Sea, every day they are continuing to die on the streets and in the squares," he said.

"How many of your peers among the victims of such a tragedy how many shattered lives there is continual talk of peace, but the war-making doesn't stop," he said.

NATO warplanes and artillery continued attacks on Bosnian Serbs Saturday, day after what was described by negotiators as a major step forward in peace talks in Geneva.

Sarajevo officials canceled the nightime curfew to allow people to gather in places to hear the Pope. Yet few ventured out into a city darkened by lack of electricity.

Young people also heard his words through TV hookups in Belfast, Northern Ireland; Paris; Santiago De Compostela, Spain; Dresden, Germany and the Hill of Crosses in Lithuania.

Pope John Paul. 75. walked through the dancing, banner-waving youths in the cool, humid sea air to take the stage, listening to individual testimonies, greetings and softrock songs like that played by the 12-member Kelly Family Band from Ireland.

moved without the cane he frequently has used since a series of recent health prob-

Earlier, he visited the Holy House of the Virgin, which Roman Catholics revere as the home of the Virgin Mary. Tradition holds that angels brought it from Nazareth.

"Eurhope," as its organisers call it, was a sort of Woodstock for young Catholics in the city on the Adriatic Sea, just 120 kilometres from the Croatian coast. Bands played, musicians sang and thousands of backpackers spent the previous night on the plain.

The event also showed this Pope's mastery of modern media: it was broadcast live across Europe, and the organisers said thousands of messages had been sent to the Pope on a special Inter-

net site set up for the visit. Pope John Paul's visit to the medieval city marked the beginning of a flurry of travel after the quiet summer for history's most-traveled Pontiff. On Thursday, he heads to Africa for a six-day trip, then travels to the United States on Oct. 4.

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Rangoon to live in a modelvillage tourist attraction, a. Burmese opposition group said. Ethnic minority people from more than 200 villages in Thandaung township in the hills of northern Karen state have been ordered to leave their homes by Nov. 10, the dissident All Burma Students' Democratic Front (ABSDF) said in a statement. Among the hill people ordered to move to new locations on the low-land are members of the Padanug ethnic group whose women put metal rings around their necks giving them a "long-necked" look. The ABSDF said some of the Padaung.

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BANGKOK (R) Burmese authorities are

people will be forced to live in a model village, which is being huilt near Rangoon in time for next year's "visit Myanmar year" and is described by the dissidents as an "ethnic human zoo". Many of the hill people were resisting the order to move and had fled into the forest instead, the ABSDF said. Independent confirmation of the ABSDF's reportwas not available but. Padanng people have been. promoted as tourist attractions before. A small group of Padaung women was taken from Burma to live in northwestern where tourists are charged money to take pictures of: them. Another small group. of Padaung people live near_ Burma's Inie Lake tourist destination in southern Shan state where tourists are also charged to visit and take photographs. The Padaung people are a sub-group of the Karen minority and live

Famous Audubon work on birds

in the hills of eastern

Burma's Karen and Kayah

(AP) - An original edition of Birds Of America made from paintings by American naturalist John James Audubon was stolen from the Russian National Library, officials said. Library director Vladimir Zaitsev said the theft of the four-volume edition was discovered Thursday. He said it was impossible to estimate its value, although one published report put it at \$1 million. The book was stolen from the foreign department, where only the staff had access, Mr. Zaitsev said. A criminal investigation was opened, but no further details on the theft were available. Audubon published Birds Of America in . London from 1827-39. A work of 87 parts, it contained 435 life-sized, handcoloured engravings made from the lifelike watercolours he painted of American hirds in their natural surroundings. It is not the first theft from the Russian National Library. In the last two years, thieves have made off with Oriental manuscripts worth \$100-200 million — which were later 🌶 recovered - four 18th-century French and German books, and Jewish books worth \$10 million. Mr. Zaitsev said he had asked the government months ago for funding for a sophisticated new alarm system. He noted

stolen ST. PETERSBURG, Russia

that works of art also have been stolen in St. Petersburg from the Hermitage and . Pavlovsk Museums.

TOKYO (AFP) - The . number of Japanese becoming centenarians is expected to reach 6.378 by the end of -September, setting a new record for the 25th straight year, the government said. The Health and Welfare Ministry said the figure represents a surge from 5,593. last year and nearly a 42fold jump from 1963 when the ministry began tracking 100-year-olds. Women accounted for 5,123, or 80.3 per cent, of the total, including the nation's oldest person, Sue Utagawa, 111, who lives in Ajisu, Yamaguchi prefecture, western Japan. the ministry said

elected on his own merits: wages," the candidate said, "God has hlessed me with a noting that labour rights, have expressed interest in good name, a good name

back to work at liveable universal health care, affordable housing and safe neighbourhoods are also priori-His district, the 2nd, which includes parts of the South

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younger Jackson also has law and theology degrees and was recently elected secretary of the Black Caucus of the Democratic National Committee. His own youth - he has

never held elective office will be an asset, he told the crowd. Most of those who the 2nd District seat are in their 50s and could never develop as much seniority as he would on Capitol Hill. And half of the 203 Democrats in Congress "will have expired, retired or been defeated" within 10 years.....

That means at age 40; Jesse Jackson Jr. will likely be in leadership of the United States Congress and,

who would be there long enough to deliver the jobs,' he said.

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TV doctors triumphant in Emmy Awards

PASADENA, Calif. (R) — The 47th annual Emmy Awards programme turned ont to be a good year for doctors on television, with programmes like ER, Frasier and Chicago Hope grabhing the higgest awards

Sunday night. ER, the gripping drama about life and death in a Chicago-area hospital emergency room, won top honours for best directing, writing and supporting actress while its crosstown rival Chicago Hope won best drama in American television's version of film's Academy Awards.

NBC's Frasier, a comedy hased on a call-in psychiatrist show, grabbed five awards, including best actor for former cheers star Kelsey Grammer, best supporting actor and best com-

edy series. "It was kind of a tough year this year hut things turned out okay," Grammer said, referring to charges, which were later dropped, that he had sex with an underage girl. "The personal end of my life has been challenged this year and I

was under a lot of stress. It's nice when this sort of thing happens."

Grammer's brother on the show, David Hyde Pierce, also won for best supporting actor for his role as Dr Niles Crane.

The powerful combination of ER and Frasier gave NBC 28 awards overall, more than any other network. CBS was second with 19 while cahle's Home Box Office (HBO) was third with 15.

ABC had only six awards, making it one of the lowest award-winning years for the network in

ER's eight Emmys tied Hill Street Blues for the most awards in a single season and the most awards for a series in its first season. The show had been a heavy favourite with 23

nominations overall. Among the major categories, Mandy Patinkin, star of the CBS hospital drama Chicago Hope, won for best drama actor while Kathy Baker, who plays Dr Jill Brock in the CBS series Picket Fences, won her sec-

ond Emmy for best drama actress. Her first Emmy came in 1993.

ABC's NYPD Blue won for best drama, giving the controversial series a total of three awards overall.

Despite having won her fifth Emmy, Candice Bergen said she plans to leave her bit programme Murphy Brown at the end of this season.

Bergen won the Emmy for best actress in a comedy series, marking the first time in the academy's 47 year history someone has won five awards for leading actor or actress in a single series. Mary Tyler Moore has a total of five

awards for two series. Christine Baranski, an accomplished actresses, won the Emmy for best supporting actress in a comedy series in the CBS comedy Cybill, while Ray Walston, won best supporting actor in a drama series for his role as Judge Henry Bone on the CBS series Picket Fences.

For Walston, a veteran

comedian who played an

alien in the TV series My Favourite Martian, the Emmy capped a lengthy career in television and film.

"I have 30 seconds to tell you that I've been waiting 60 years to get up here on this stage," Walston said.

Barbra Streisand, who made a rare appearance in conjunction with her award-winning special Barbra Streisand The Concert won five Emmys. including three technical awards.

In the late night talk show war, NBC's Jay Leno won for best variety, music or comedy series, beating arch-rival David Letterman. Both talk show hosts have been battling for the title as king of late night entertainment since Letterman left NBC in 1993. Each comedian now has

one Emmy to their credit. Raul Julia, who died last October, received an Emmy for best lead actor in a miniseries or special for his role in The Burning Season. Julia's wife, Merel, accepted the award.

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Bush urges healing of Sino-U.S. ties

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BEIJING (R) — Former U.S. President George Bush said Monday troubled Sino-U.S. relations must move from confrontation to conington to help China play a role on the world economic.

stage. Mr. Bush, speaking at a Beijing conference on food production, said problems were not enough. over Taiwan that have sent Sino-U.S. ties plunging to what Beijing has called a 16year low were acute.

But he urged both sides to look forward rather than "I think we need more

consultation and less confrontation," Mr. Bush said. Sino-U.S. relations have sunk to their lowest point since they were established in 1979 after Washington enraged Beijing hy allowing a landmark private visit by President Lee Teng-Hui of rival Taiwan to the United States last June.

Mr. Bush said the United States needed to renew its strategic dialogue with China to establish a new, sustainable foundation for cooperation, setting aside lingering bilateral disputes.

"That dialogue needs to rise above familiar hilateral issues to an exchange of perspectives about the postcold war world," said Mr. Bush, a longtime visitor to China both as diplomat and Chinese President Jiang

Zemin used a meeting with Beijing's Communist Mr. Bush last Friday to rulers and Taiwan's Nationsage to Washington, calling on the Clinton administration to take concrete action to improve troubled ties. saying verbal assurances

"Everyone here realises there are some real strains in the relationship," Mr. Bnsh said. "Having said that, it is very important that we get beyond the difficulties that that visit caused."

Mr. Bush urged a meeting between top leaders of the two Asia-Pacific giants --an issue expected to be raised at a meeting between U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and Chinese Foreign Minister Oian Oichen slated for the United Nations General Assembly in New York later this month.

He reiterated Washington's commitment to its recognition of Beijing as the sole government of China, but warned China it might hear rhetoric in election year that it would find confusing - a reference to some rightwing Republicans who advocate closer ties with Taiwan

China has viewed Taiwan as a rebel province since the end of a civil war in 1949

Diplomats say China wants a clear and public commitment from Washington that it will not allow future visits by Taiwan offi-cials, even in a private

Organisation.

Washington is unlikely to agree, they say.

Hurricane split island in two, dozens still missing in Caribbean

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — On its rampage through the Caribbean, hurricane Luis tore apart more than houses, yachts and lives. It ripped an island in

As the centre of Luis passed over Barbuda Tuesday, it churned up 10-foot waves that hreached a narrow inlet and severed a small northeast sliver of the island, part of the nation of Antigua and Barbuda.

The Daily Observer newspaper on Antigua reported Saturday that the coral reef that makes up Barbuda was cut into six pieces. The storm wrecked 95 per cent of the huildings on the island, and battered its infant

tourist industry.
The town of Codrington, where all of Barbuda's 1,500 residents live, was flooded, and sea water contaminated the water supply, the news-

paper reported. All the hotels on Barbuda, 280 miles east of San Juan, also were severely damaged: the Coco Point Lodge, where rooms went for \$400 a night; the "K" Club, which had its own golf course; Pink Sands; Palmetto and

Sunset View. The island was trying to develop itself as a tourist resort, especially snorkellers and skin-divers attracted to the 60 shipwrecks on the reef.

While Barbuda's plight

was perhaps most dramatic. the suffering on the islands around it was no less real. As the storm churned

toward Bermuda, the official death toll on five islands rose to 16 when two more bodies were found on St. Maarten, the Dutch-administered half of St. Martin. Some 65 per cent of the buildings on Antigua were destroyed, and the Red

out of water Saturday. The island of St. Martin, only days ago a pristine vacation spot for wealthy tourists, was a jumble of ripped-apart yachts, houseboats and shantytowns. Rescuers were searching for dozens of people believed

Cross said the hospital ran

Damage in St. Martin was extensive. Telephone and power poles toppled by 130mph (209-kph) winds and three-metre surf were still down. Hundreds of yachts and houseboats were tossed across piers and beaches. Jetties and airports were trashed, roads washed away

and trees appropried. The Netherlands administers the better-developed side of the island, called St. Maarten. The other side, St. Martin, is French lerritory.

Dutch authorities closed the border Friday, imposing a dusk-to-dawn curfew to prevent looting and allowing only relief planes to land. American Airlines began flying residents only to the island on commercial flights Saturday.

Officials also nimed back chartered helicopters with reporters on board, making it impossible to confirm the hurricane's toll. Authorities some American reporters that they were tired of the negative publicity.

Dutch officials conceded Saturday that many more people may have died than the official death tolls which were conflicting indicate.

"The figure could rise,"

said Jan Meijer, a Dutch government spokesman in the Hague, the Netherlands. "We know that a very large percentage of the houses are severely damaged," he said. "We are not sure what we will find under the mess." French authorities could

confirm only a total of eight deaths on the island. Radio France Outre-Mers put the death toll at 30. The Dutch Red Cross said the toli on the Dutch side had reached sévén. "Our priority is not to

count the dead, but to help the living," said a man who answered the telephone at a St. Martin Police Station. "Our priority is to find

lodging for 2,000 homeless, medication and care for the wonnded, and to clean up this mess," he said, refusing to give his name.

In addition to crushed buildings and ruined crops. Luis also could badly hurt the region's crucial tourist industries. The damage to Antigua and St. Maarten prompted two cruise lines to take those stops off their

itineraries. Norwegian Cruise Line said its ships the Norway and the Seaward will no longer stop at the islands, and Royal Caribbean Cruise Line also said it would pass them over until the damage

is repaired. Luis accelerated Saturday. and was 362 kilometres west-sonthwest of Bermuda, moving north at 23 mph (37 kph) with maximum sustained winds of 161 kph.

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urged the Burmese government "to choose the path of true democracy rather than continued repression and

dictatorial control." Mrs. Albright was the highest-ranking official to visit Burma since a 1988 military coup. She said her two-day visit should not be interpreted as a warming of relations but as an affirmation of American support for

democracy in Burma.

The United States has cool relations with the Burmese government, which it accuses of abusing human rights and refusing to cede power to the National League for

eral election. In an effort to ease its international isolation, Burma released the League's founder, Nobel laureate Aung San Suu Kyi, from six years of house arrest in July. governments

have been slow to restore economic and political ties. "They believe that releasing Mrs. Aung San Suu Kyi was a hig step," Mrs. Albright said. "So 1 think

they might have been a little bit surprised that I wasn't a little bit friendlier." Burma's military government must choose "between its present isolation or reinlegration into the inlemational community," Mrs.

Albright said at a news con-

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She said the U.S. would only improve ties after "fundamental progress towards democracy and respect for basic human rights is achieved."

She met Friday with Gen. Khin Nyunt, who heads Burma's powerful Military Intelligence Service and is widely regarded as the most powerful member of the rul-

Mrs. Albright said she urged the government to begin a dialogue with Mrs. Suu Kyi and was "modestly encouraged" that the military might do so.

Mrs. Albright's visit is part of an official trip through East Asia that also includes the Philippines. She heads the U.S. delegation to the fourth U.N. World Conference on Women in Beijing.

Sri Lankan rebels kill 11 soldiers; navy foils suicide bid on port

COLOMBO (AFP) — Tamil Tiger guerrillas blew up an army trailer in eastern Sri Lanka Monday, killing 11 soldiers, while the navy repulsed a suicide attack on a port, the military said.

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) set off a mine and ambushed the soldiers at Weli Oya, a mili-tary spokesman said, adding that 11 more soldiers were

The navy foiled an attempt by a Tamil Tiger snicide

squad at the strategic northern port of Kankesanthurai overnight Sunday, defence officials said.

Two men and two women were blown ont of the water after they were detected, officials said. The bodies of the Tigers and their diving equipment were found Mon-

day morning.
The LTTE blew up the navy's largest command ship, the Edithara, at the port in July, sacrificing 17 members of its Black Sea Tiger snicide unit.

Sunday's abortive attack was accompanied by a barrage of mortar bombs on the Palaly military complex which includes Kakesanthnrai, officials said.

Mortars fell inside Palaly defences but the shells fell short of military installations, a defence ministry spokesman said.

Palaly also has the main northern air base and the army's regional headquarGround troops conducted a routine operation elsewhere in northeast Sn Lanka Sun-day, and killed two Tiger guerrillas, the military said. LITTE gunmen killed an officer and six soldiers dur-

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The rebels want a separate state for the two million Tamils in the north and east of the island. More than 50,000 people have died in the conflict since 1972.

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Powelltour may pave way for White

House bid WASHINGTON (R) — Colin Powell, the retired army general at the centre of the 1991 allied Gulf War victory, will launch a national tour this week that may foreshadow a run for

the White House next year. House Speaker Newt Gingrich said Sunday that Gen. Powell would be a "very formidable contender" if he sought the Republican nomination to deny President

Bill Clinton a second term. Gen. Powell's 23-city, 20day tour is nominally designed to pitch his newly published memoirs, leading to a decision on whether to enter the presidential race, as an independent or as a Republican.

A spokesman for Random House, publishers of Gen. Powell's book, said the swing would start with three book-signing events in the Washington D.C. area beginning next Saturday.

In his much-heralded autobiography, Gen. Powell, a 58-year-old former head of the joint chiefs of staff, wrote that he believes many Americans agree with his centrist views and may be ready for a third major

political party.

But Gen. Powell did not say whether he was prepared to lead such a movement or seek to become the first black president of the United States. He wrote that to be a successful politician requires "a calling I do not yet hear."

"My plan right now is to keep my options open through the book tour," Gen. Powell said in an interview with Time magazine, which published excerpts of his autobiography My American Journey" in its issue on newstands Mon-

Gen. Powell, in the interview, faulted the current Republican front-runner, Senate majority leader Bob Dole, for seeming to court the party's conservative right wing, which dominates the voting in primary votes.

"In order to appeal to the active wing of the party, most candidates are tacking to the right, and that seems to be what Bob Dole is doing," Gen. Powell told Time.

Sen. Dole, heading a field of nine Republican hopefuls, said in a CNN interview aired Sunday that Gen. Powell, in a conversation a few months ago, had told him he may not have the stomach for the race.

"He said he really didn't bave the zeal or whatever it takes," Sen. Dole said on the Evans and Novak programme.

Gen. Powell also took a swipe at the Clinton administration's foreign policy operation, writing that national security meetings "meandered like graduate student hull sessions...Backbenchers sounded off with the authority of cabinet officers."

Mr. Gingrich, on the NBC programme Meet The Press. urged Gen. Powell not to run as an independent because, he said, the country's two-party system was too deeply rooted to ignore.

Russian soldier held for killing Chechen youth; grenade wounds 4

GROZNY, Russia (AP) — Four civilians were wounded in the Chechen capital Saturday when a Russian officer fired a grenade launcher. In another incident a Russian commando was charged with shooting a Chechen teenager.

The incidents, threaten to further damage a fragile peace accord, were reported by the Interfax News Agency.

It said the victims were seriously wounded. The grenade landed on a Chechen government construction site, it said, describing the firing as a case of "negligence."

The grenade was fired by a soldier from the Russian Interior Ministry, which beefed up street pairols after a 17-year-old boy was shot to death Friday by a member of the Russian special forces. The deployment, it noted, was aimed at "preventing further confusion

involving federal troops." More than 1,000 people demonstrated against the shooting of the teenager, who had reportedly taken a polaroid photograph of the Russian soldier and was

offering to sell it to him. Russian Russian troops in armoured personnel carriers ringed the demonstration, which took place near the

Russian roadblock where the teenager was machinegunned to death. The official ITAR-TASS news agency quoted a Russian military spokesman in

Grozny as saying a member of Omon, the Interior Ministry's special troops, was arrested on charges of mur-Thousands of people have died since Russia sent troops into Chechenya nine months ago to crush its indepen-

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Dudayev, the self-pro-claimed Chechen president. A July 30 military pact mandating a prisoner exchange, Chechen disarmament and the start of Russian withdrawal has foundered amid mutual mistrust and

accusations. Russian President Boris Yeltsin recently appointed a close associate, Oleg Lobov, as his personal representa-tive in the hreakaway south-

The leading Russian newspaper Izvestia Saturday characterised as "a real sensation" Mr. Yeltsin's statement that he would allow hisold rival Rusian Khasbulatov to enter continuingnegotiations between the warring sides.

Mr. Khasbulatov, an ethnic Chechen and the former speaker of Russian parliament, spent four months in jail for his role as a leader of the October 1993 armed.

uprising against Mr. Yeltsin.
"I think we should not'
write off Khasbulatov," Mr. Yeltsin said at a news conference Friday. "He has a standing Chechenya. Why should we always remember the past?" He was not at all conciliatory, however, on the goestion of Chechenya's quest to

secede from Russia. "I am the guaranter of the constitution, and the constitution is clear on this - the question should not even have to be raised," Mr. Yeltsin said.

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Bangladesh heads for confrontation

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Bangladesh's long-running feud over elections could lead to a head-on confrontation between the government and opposition, diplomats and analysts said Mon-

day.
The clock is ticking towards a moment of possible savage fighting between the government and opposian Asian diplomat said "Under the apparent calm

holding across the political arena we can feel a smoldering unrest building up intensely," he told Reuters.

Bangladesh is facing a marathon 72-hour national strike next week called by the main opposition parties as their latest effort to end the rule of Prime Minister

problems there.

They demand she step down to allow a neutral, caretaker administration to supervise early elections. not otherwise due until March next year.

Mrs. Khaleda, who has ruled the country for four and half years and has never shown any sign of bowing to the opposition demands or conceding to threats, has said the strike, the latest of many, should be resisted.

"Resist strikes or any other activities that disrupt development, threaten democracy, lives and property and seeks to cut short a legiti-

tion parties, which have already successfully organ-

mate rule," she told two rallies ontside Dhaka Sunday. She described the opposi-

Opposition legislators quit parliament in December to

force the resignation of Mrs. Khaleda. Sheikh Hasina, chief of the largest opposition party, the Awami League and Mrs.

Khaleda's arch-foe, said last week she wanted power to be transferred immediately to the chief instice as head of a caretaker government until the next vote was held.

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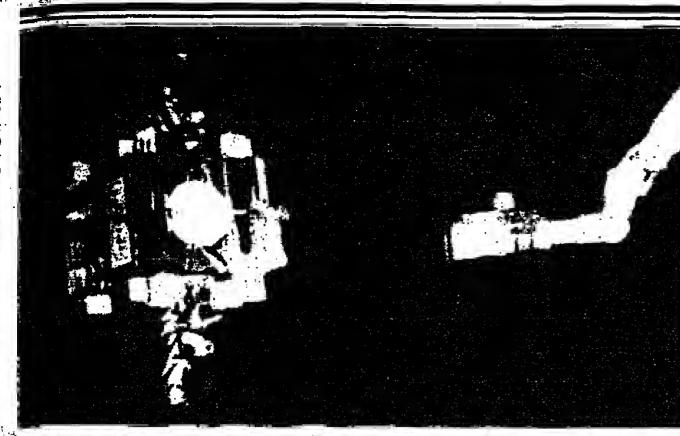
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The Spartan satellite (left) is approached by the space shuttle Endeavour's robot arm (right) as the shuttle is manoen-wed to grapple the satellite (AFP photo)

Astronauts successfully retrieve solar probe

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. two days after placing it in (R) — Astronauts on the shuttle Endeavour success-He described the rendez fully hauled aboard a satelvous as "picture perfect" despite a 45-minute delay as lite packed with data to aid man's understanding of the pilot Ken Cockrell reposisun and set about their next tioned the shuttle to comtask — deploying a semipensate for a slight change

conductor factory in space. That was an outstanding mission controller Mark Garnean told the crew after they reeled in the 2,800-pound (1,270 kg) Spartan satellite on the end of Endeavour's robot arm manager for the probe, said

in the satellite's angle. Scientists said the probe was out of alignment because it unexpectedly shut itself off shortly before it

Craig Tooley, the project

he believed Spartan had worked properly for the most of the time it was in

Television pictures beamed hack from Endeavour, racing around the Earth at eight kilometres per second, showed the boxy, gold satellite sitting snugly in the

Some 1,000 pictures and data collected by the probe's telescopes should help scientists better understand solar winds, a phenomenon that causes power outages on Earth and interferes with radio and satellite communi-

Gases in the solar winds are about 10 million degrees hot, and blast past the Earth at speeds of up to 3.2 million

The information will also be useful as scientists begin to develop a global cellular telephone system and highspeed air transportation.

Russian spacemen return to Earth

MOSCOW (R) — Two cosmonauts returned to Earth Monday after more than two months aboard the orbiting Mir space station, a mission control spokesman

. A Soynz spacecraft car rying Anatoly Solovyov in the Soyuz capsule," Mr. and Nikolai Budarin Gibadullin said.

CAPE TOWN (R) - Ger-

man Chancellor Helmut

Kohl promised after meeting

South African President

Nelson Mandela Monday to

do all in his power to

encourage stronger econom-

ic ties between the two

Speaking to reporters in

the garden of Mr. Mandela's

Taynhays office, Mr. Kohl,

the first German chancellor

ever to visit South Africa.

said economic growth was a

"It it is my emphatic inten-

tion that we take a big, new

step in the intensification of

economic relations so that

there will be as many new

jobs as quickly as possible.

"I would like to assure you

that we will lend you all the

support that you will need,"

Mr. Mandela said Ger-

many had this year become South Africa's higgest trade

key to political stability.

countries.

touched down safely in Kazakhstan, 107 kilometres north-east of the town of Arkalyk at 10.52 a.m. (0652 GMT), spokesman Gumar Gibadullin said by telephone.

ed States, and said Mr.

We believe that this visit

Kohl's visit could encourage

will deepen and expand our

Responding to questions,

Mr. Mandela said future

relations would not be

spoiled by Germany's fail-

nre to back all Western sanc-

tions against South Africa's

former apartheid govern-

"Let bygones be bygones.

We are now huilding our

country and Germany is pre-

pared to give us all the assis-

tance which they are able to

Major German companies

including Siemens and the

BMW, Mercedes Benz and

Volkswagen car manufactur-

ers did not join U.S. and

many other European coun-

tries in a withdrawal from

Germany is now the sec-

the apartheid economy.

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further growth.

relations," he said.

Solovyov and Budarin had been on board the Mir since June 29 when they went up as part of a U.S.-Russian joint space venture on the U.S. shuttle

Atlantis. Both cosmonauts are in Solovyov and Burdarin good health after landing: were joined on board the

in South Africa after Britain.

German officials said the

total capital investment

amounted to 5.6 hillion rand

A number of German husi-

Mr. Mandela and Mr.

Union leader to visit South

Africa since the transition to

democracy, witnessed the

signing of three treaties after

a 10-minute private meeting.

Industry Minister Trevor

Manuel and German Minis-

ter of Economic Coopera-

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Dieter Spranger signed an

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The accord assures Ger-

man investors protection

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Kohl,

man cosmonaut which will stay in space for more than four months.

The new crew is made up of Yuri Gidzenko. Sergei Avdeyev and German Thomas Reiter, repre-Space Agency They will dock with a U.S. space

Mir on Sept. 5 hy a threeman crew, including a Ger-Kohl pledges economic support to S. Africa

> ment assistance by seconded German officials. Mr. Kohl arrived in South Africa Saturday on the first visit to the country by a German head of government. The official part of his visit started with his meeting with

The other treaties set

frameworks for technical

cooperation and manage-

Mr. Mandela. Mr. Kohl followed a private programme Sunday, visiting landmarks including Table Mountain and the Groot Constantia estate where South Africa's first wine was produced more

home Friday.

than 300 years ago. He will fly to South Africa's commercial capital,

Johannesburg, Tuesday and pay a visit to Germany's former colony of South West Africa, now independent Namihia before leaving for

inther, overtaking the Unitond biggest foreign investor U.S. wants expansion of Security Council to 20 seats

JAKARTA (AFP) — The U.S. ambassador to the U.N., Madeleine Albright, called Monday for an expansion of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) to twenty seats, with Japan and Germany as permanent

My government favours expanding the (Security) Council by as many as five scats to twenty," Mrs. Albright said in a speech to around 200 academics and officials here Monday. The U.N. Security Council currently has 15 members,

the United States, Russia, China, the United kingdom and France "We believe that Germany and Japan should become permanent members," Mrs. shright said, adding that permanent members should succeed themselves as a way to allowing important regional powers such as Indonesia to serve on the Council more often." Indonésia's foreign minis-

"Indonesia

should not be overlooked" if or when the decision was

Indonesia has been serving Mrs. Albright arrived here dent Suharto and other

In Rangoon, Burma, Mrs. Albright said she told one of the rulers Friday that "his country's isolation would only deepen unless concrete steps toward political freedom" are taken.

Mrs. Albright said she

Democracy, the main opposition party that won a landslide victory in a 1990 gen-

applauded the move, but

ing military council.

the better."

She also met with Mrs. Sau Kyi for a typical Burmese breakfast of rice noodles and fish soup, and quoted her as saying "the sooner the dialogue begins دورس تأيير بوسة عربية سيلسية مستقلة لنسرز بالإسطيرية عن الترسسة الصحفية الأردسة

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Historical, mutual interests

AS A forerunner to the crucial months ahead, Spanish Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez's current tour of the Middle East and his visit to Jordan today assumes great significance. It comes at a time when the region is emerging from a state of conflict to one of peace, while simultaneously Spain heads the European Union. Spain, an increasingly assertive member of the EU, has always advocated stronger relations between EU nations and those of the Mediterranean on which Spain itself lies. Spain has always sought to forge stronger ties with Arab states on account of historic links with the Arab World. Spain realises very well, as do other European nations, that the future security and prosperity of their continent depend largely on the development and future of the Near and Middle East.

It is with this conviction that we look at Mr. Gonzalez's visit and hope that it will lead to the enhancement of peace and the strengthening of Arab-Spanish and particularly Jordanian-Spanish relations. To be specific, we expect Spain — that currently holds the EU presidency — to contribute to the two important events occurring this autumn, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) economic summit in Amman in October and the Barcelona conference in November.

The peoples of the Middle East, in their quest for peace, have pinned great hopes on both conferences. Although Europe was denied an active and direct role in the process of peace-making, a process still ongoing, it can certainly play a greater role in peace-building that, when successful, should entice more nations to join the peace effort. Jordan, traditionally a close friend of Spain, expects Madrid to use its good office to ensure that the October summit yields the results desired by the countries of the region, especially those involved in peace-making and building. Likewise, Jordan wants the Barcelona conference to achieve its goals and will exert every effort towards the realisation of its objectives.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A WRITER in Al Ra'i daily voiced total support for Syria's stand vis-a-vis the peace process and strong criticism for Israel's procrastinations which he said was delaying the achievement of a comprehensive peace in the region. Ibrahim Zaarour said that despite earlier reports that the Syrians and the Israelis were about to sign a peace treaty, statements from officials on both sides speak otherwise. Recalling that Syrian President Hafez Al Assad told a press conference in Cairo lately that the peace process was in slumber, the writer said that the Israelis were to blame for not showing real interest in making peace with Syria and for not showing any genuine move towards peace but instead were bolding on to their intransigent position which could by no means be acceptable to Damascus. While Syria is demanding total withdrawal from the Golan Heights in exchange for total peace, the Israelis are trying to force Syria to accept their own concept of peace and phased withdrawal over a number of years, noted the writer. He said that Syria was right in its legitimate position and its endeavours should be supported by all Arab states adding that Israel could not be trusted to honour its commitments.

THE GOVERNMENT'S withdrawal of passports from Jordanian citizens of Palestinian origin and replacing them ith temporary passports came under severe criticism by Saleh Qallab, a writer in Al Dustour. According to law, passports or the status of citizenship cannot be cancelled except through a decision from the Conneil of Ministers, the writer said. But it is regrettable to see that this is being done at random, depending on the whims and moods of officials at the passports department or the officials at the points of entry and border posts, he said. Noting that this practice bad done a great barm to a large sector of citizens who originated from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the writer said that a great number of those citizens was avoiding renewing their passports for fear of facing a situation which is detrimental to their livelihoods. If the

government says that Palestinians can have their own relestinian passports and under Arab League regulations no cannot bold dual Arab nationality, then how could many more important Arab League rules be ignored by the majority of Arab states? he asked. He said that many people including senior Jordanian officials carry more than one Arab nationality as well as foreign nationality. The writer said overnment should end this practice against realestinians whose destiny and national interest are the same as those of all Jordanian people,

The View from Fourth Circle

Making peace at home and in the region

AMONG THE many thought-provoking things that H.R.H. Crown Prince Hassan said in his speech to the Building on Peace conference earlier this weck, perhaps the most interesting were his comments about the need to conduct an informed domestic debate between proponents and opponents of the current Arab-Israeb peace process. Most important, I thought, were the following statements by Crown Prince Hassan: "We believe that the doubters will not be silenced by repression but by the tangible benefits of the peace dividend. Those who disagree with the peace must have their say. The politics of hints, innuendoes and whispers is ont of keeping with the culture of peace. A public debate about the implications of peace is on, and it will continue. We call for an informed debate."

This important call for informed public debate on such an important issue may also be seen as a reaffirmation of our commitment to open and pluralistic dialogue as a defining attribute of Jordanian statebood and political culture. I believe that we are still moving in this direction, despite some evidence to the contrary in our domestic political life this year. The Crown Prince's call for informed public debate on normalisation and peace, as these are currently structured and defined by the government, was coupled with a further important statement. He said that Jordan's "domestic priorities are to continue liberalising our political system and our economy. Pluralism, accountability and increased respect for buman rights remain the

bility and increased respect for buman rights remain the goals of our democratisation process."

I believe these statements by the person of the Crown Prince birnself are important because they address three issues that are at the very heart of Jordanian political life and even the Jordanian national condition: the peace process, the quality of our political system today, and the direction in which we expect to travel in the future. I see the Crown Prince's statements not only as a challenge to those who oppose the current form and pace of the peace process, they can also be seen as a challenge to the government and the power structure itself — which are still in the midst of coming to terms with the realities of a system in which executive anthority is newly subject to the

checks and balances of legislative approval and indicial review—as well as to the political cajoling and moral force of the highest political leadership of the realm.

The debate about the peace process brings this dynamic into sharp and immediate focus. The proponents and opponents of peace in Jordan bave staked out their positions rather clearly, but both sides have done a very poor job of providing convincing arguments. This is primarily because they have been engaged in a series of increasingly bitter exercises in unilateralism, of isolated statements, promises and threats by both sides that are thrown out into our expanding political space where they

float, linger and dissipate.

The sad fact about the debate about peace in Jordan today is the peculiar absence of debate. We have a steady stream of statements by both sides but no meaningful intellectual or ideological meeting of minds or even locking of homs. The peace process has not enriched our political democratisation and liberalisation; it has stunted it, even retarded it. Not only has the peace process disappointed most Jordanians' expectations in the economic realm, it has also further seriously increased their scepticism about their domestic political system. On all sides of the system, the government is seen to be slipping back into a more autocratic mode, the opposition is seen to be stumbling on its own inadequacy and impotence, and the institutional structures of parliament and the political parties are seen to be merrily moving right along without much visible or tangible impact on the quality of people's lives.

Meanwhile, the peace process itself is in danger of suffering from all this — for the absence of a serious, open

Meanwhile, the peace process itself is in danger of suffering from all this — for the absence of a serious, open discussion of the nature and consequences of peace threatens to throw us by default into the arms of the single strongest actor in this regional and global game: the alliance of American-Israeli-and-other regional state and corporate interests that cares more to generate financial profits from selling fried chicken and Phoenix Suns hats to the people of this region than to respect the people's national and personal buman rights.

Therefore, the Crown Prince's call for an "informed

public debate" comes at a critical moment, and it potentially impacts on far more than the peace process with Israel. If the worst scenario occurs — normalisation is forced upon the Jordanian people by a combination of basty government intolerance and insensitive corporate greed, leaving a legacy of fractured and embittered domestic pobtics amidst a landscape of social fragmentation and economic distress and disparity — then we run the risk of following in the large but clumsy political footsteps of Egypt, without having Egypt's ample cultural and demographic cushions to soften the blow.

But, if the best scenario occurs — an enlightened government, an educated citizenry and a rational opposition engage in a bealthy, constructive debate that leads to a genuine Jordanian consensus on bow to translate the current peace treaty with Israel into a bounty of national unity and solidarity, psychological ease, sustainable economic growth, and genuine peace and stability for Arabs and Israelis alike — then we can expect Jordan to live up the promise that it bas always shown in its entire statehood: the promise of rational and humane pobtics, personal dignity and freedom, realistic economics, and commitment to meeting burnan needs as the cornerstone of genuine national development.

The real issue at stake here is not only the fate of the peace process, it is the quality of Jordanian political culture, even the meaning of Jordan and of the Jordanian national identity. The Crown Prince has provided a timely and important opportunity for both the proponents and opponents of the peace process to step off the hysterical slide down the slippery slope towards the politics of intemperance, narrow self-interest and division, and instead to regroup in order to reformulate a credible Jordanian consensus on the critical importance of rationality, justice and peace as both regional and domestic virtues. We bave reached this stage of our young but impressive statehood because we bave always remained faithful to these values. This is the moment to reaffirm them, not to foresake them.

Bombing Serbs, pressuring Muslims

By Michael Jansen

WITH EVERY NATO bomb dropped on Serb targets in Bosnia pressure will increase on the Muslimled Bosnian government to agree to the U.S. peace plan for Bosnia.

Although the public perception is that the bombing raids and the sbelling of Serb gun implacements are meant to force the Serbs to the negotiating table, the plan, in fact, gives in to almost all their demands and could deprive the Bosnian Muslims not only of territory but also of their independence and sovereigner.

ence and sovereignty.
Wary of the plan, the Bosnian government initially said it would not attend the conference meeting now in Geneva. However, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic stated on Wednesday, after the NATO strikes against the Serbs recommenced, that the Bosnian government would attend the meeting. He was speaking in Ankara kish Prime Minister Tansu Ciller, coopted in the U.S. drive to secure a settlement by U.S. envoy Richard Hol-

The seven-point U.S. plan provides for a 51-49 territorial division of the country, with the 40 per cent to Bosnian Muslims

and the 30 per cent Croats and others receiving just over half while the 30 per cent Serbs get just under half. Thus, first and foremost, the territorial division of the country imposed by Europe two years ago and now adopted by the U.S. is unjust and likely to produce a sense of abiding anger, perhaps, leading to instabil-

ity.
The split, according to Mr. Holbrooke, would not mean partition of the country but the creation of autonomous areas in a single, internationally recognised state. However, here: he has been misleading. The Bosnian Muslims bave protested the plan's "constitutional arrangements" which would prevent the Serbs from forming a "confederation" with Serbia while the mixed Bosnia autonomous area would strengthen its present "confederal" links with Croatia.

Such an arrangement would be the Bosnian Muslim's nightmare for the
Serbs would not only have
secure their "greater Serbia" but also the Muslims.
who are a majority in Bosnia, would be converted.
once again, into a minority
in a Catholic Christian
"greater Croatia". Thus,
the Muslim demand for a
multireligious pluralistic
state would be sacrificed to

the "religio-ethnic national-

ists" of Serbia and Croatia. The fact that the Serbs are being represented in these negotiations by the Serb president of the rump Yugoslavia. Slobodan Milosevic (who launched the Balkan conflict) rather than the obdurate Bosnian Serb leader, Radovan Karadzic, demonstrates clearly that the "greater Serbia" option has been accepted by the U.S.

The American peace

plan, backed up by the

bombing campaign against

the Serbs and political pressure on all the parties. is in itself a defeat for the policy on Bosnia enunciated by the Clinton administration when it took office. At that time President Bill Clinton strongly advocated the lifting of the arms embargo on Bosnia so that the Muslims could defend themselves, in accordance with the articles of the U.N. Charter. However, European opposition on the grounds that this would intensify the conflict and endanger European peacekeepers prevented Mr. Clinton from carrying out bis policy and, in time, converted Mr. Clinton to the European point of view. This radical transformation amounted to nothing less than the "Europeanisation of Bill" and now he can be expected to implement

faithfully Europe's plan for preventing the emergence of a Muslim-majority state in Christian Europe and the reduction of the Bosnian Muslims into an impotent minority.

To implement this plan the U.S. has, apparently, committed 25,000 troops to monitor and enforce the terms of the accord by patrolling the new frontiers and protecting aid workers. The Americans would make up half of an overall NATO deployment of 50,000 troops which would remain in Bosnia for nine-18 months or until they could make a graceful exit.

To make matters worse, it would seem that the only allies the Bosnian Muslims appear to have in the international community, the Muslim states, are acquiescing in this Euro-American settlement scheme. Representatives of the Organisa-tion of the Islamic Conference and of Turkey are attending the Geneva meeting. Hearrened by the longawaited NATO raids against the Serbs, wreaking vengeance for more than three years of ethnic cleansing, murder and rape of Bosnian Muslims, Muslim countries are being used to sanctify a settlement which can only further deprive the Bosnian Muslims of their

LETTERS

Insufficient facilities

To the Editor:

I FOLLOW with interest Dr. Fahed Fanek's weekly column in your newspaper, but I do not agree with him when he asserts that "Aqaba Airport's present size and capacity is more than sufficient to accommodate the present and future traffic needs to and from Aqaba" (Sunday's Economic Pulse, Jordan Times, Sept. 11). Perhaps Dr. Fanek has not used present airport facilities

Perhaps Dr. Fanek has not used present airport facilities at a time when their capacity was put to the test. Last January, I was returning from Aqaba to Annuan via the Aqaba Airport. I returned on the same flight with a group of 30 or so Italian tourists. As it turned out, the airport's "present size and capacity" was not enough to fit these tourists, their luggage, and other passengers on the flight. Indeed, there was a line stretching from the solitary check-in counter all the way to the front door of the airport terminal. While the "size" of the airport could not accommodate a full flight, its "capacity" in terms of security (x-ray of luggage) and passengers processing were even less adequate. Needless to say, the flight to Amman was delayed for more than two bours while the airport staff attempted to sort out the mess of a full flight.

I do not blame Dr. Fanek for being cautious when it comes to spending \$200 million on improving the present airport, especially when such an expenditure might be shouldered by Jordan alone. However, I believe that expanding the airport is not a luxury but a necessity. A Businessweek report on Jordan a month or so ago predicted that Aqaba will be the first place in Jordan that will reap the "dividends of peace." Nonetheless, this prediction will, without a doubt, not turn into a reality if we do not invest in Aqaba by anticipating future demands for transportation. A modern airport capable of absorbing the increasing influx of tourists into Aqaba is the least of our preparations. After all, Aqaba is sure to be on any tour group's agenda due to its rich marine life and proximity to Petra and Wadi Rum (Jordan's main tourist attractions).

Petra and Wadi Rum (Jordan's main tourist attractions). Dr. Fanek is also correct in stating that "too many projects are being circulated," but improving Aqaba Airport is not one of those projects with little "tangible benefits to the Jordanian people." On the contrary, the economy of the entire country will benefit from the presence of an increasing number of tourists in Jordan. Expanding Aqaba Airport will belp spur growth in the tourism and service sectors, filling the vacant rooms in our hotels and the empty tables at our restaurants. A modern and expanded airport capable of absorbing more flights will also take a load off Jordan's highway system, allowing the government to spend less on servicing the Amman-Aqaba stretch in the long-run

stretch in the long-run.

Nevertheless, if Dr. Fanek does not consider the aforementioned arguments to be adequate to support the expenditure to expand Aqaba Airport's present facilities, then I ask bim: Is an airport that cannot absorb the pressures of a single, full flight "sufficient to accommodate the present and future traffic needs to and from Aqaba?"

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Targetting malefactors – with selective sorties

By William Buckley Jr.

THOSE WHO concern themselves with right and wrong are up against it in the Bosnian situation. More or less simultaneously, two ethical findings matured, reaching wide acceptance among moralists. They are:

(1) It is unethical to bomb civilian concentrations. (2) It is unethical to single out of the leader of a hostile state for clinical execution.

The first position evolved in reaction to the extravagances of World War II, much as the anti-gas convention was a response to some of the tortures of World War I. It held that the bombing of civilians, if civilians were the targets of that bombing, is an unjustified act of war.

We note the care taken by the NATO offensive against the Bosnian Serbs in the last few days. Except when it was simply impossible to detach civilians from targetted ammunition dumps or artillery nests, the bombs and missiles restricted themselves to these military objectives.

We waive, for the purposes of this analysis, such vexing questions as: How do you deter an aggressive nuclear power without threatening nuclear retaliation? And the finer point: How do you distinguish morally between the conscripted soldier required to feed shells into an artillery piece

who works in a factory that makes the metal cylinders into which the explosives are placed? Not easy. But more or less at the

same time, the ethical position hardened against the
assassination of leaders of
enemy states. The Church
Committee of the Senate,
which investigated the CIA
in 1975, established beyond
reasonable doubt that President Kennedy and his
brother Robert commissioned the assassination of
Fidel Castro. The job was
bungled, but that bungling
has nothing to do with the
ethical question.

When in 1986 President Reagan ordered a strike against Libya to protest its terrorist activities one of the fighter bombers sought out the palace in which Muammar Qadhafi slept. It happened that he wasn't there that night, but everyone involved in the operation was disappointed.

tion was disappointed.

Even as we were disappointed yet again when during the bombings of Iraq in January 1991 we failed to destroy Saddam Hussein.

Now sophisticated moralists will distinguish between trying to kill Adolf Hitler in the course of a bombing raid (OK), and dispatching an assassin to kill Hitler (not OK). One has to conclude that such covenants are agreed to with self-serving motives. If JFK can pass on the word that he

would like Mr. Castro shot, Mr. Castro can pass on the word that he would like JFK sbot — indeed, it was widely conjectured at the time that this was exactly what Mr. Castro did do, except that where JFK failed, Mr. Castro succeeded

ceeded.

Now we bave in Bosnia a situation in which Radovan Karadzic is as identifiably guilty of genocide, on his own scale, as Hitler and Josef Stalin were, and indeed the Rwandans are. One reason given for sparing dictator malefactors is that if you eliminate them, you are left with no one you can deal with in order to make an acceptable peace.

We ruled out, in Germany, any dealings of any kind with Hitler, and it is entirely possible that this decision, morally attractive as it was, cost the Allies perhaps 400,000 or 500,000 more dead. In the case of Japan, we agreed to let Emperor Hirobito survive, and it was through bis offices that the peace was finally made.

Without much difficulty one could try Mr. Karadzic in absentia and establish beyond any doubt his guilt. But these trials do not materialise, because of bureaucratic objections. And we are left then with an insulated dictator

aggressor, What would be ideal, in the days ahead? Obviously. the assassination of Mr. Karadzic and as many of bis general staff as could be targetted by a sniper's bullet or a well-aimed mortar shell. We have special people trained to do special things in military situations.

The argument against publicising our intentions is plain: The targetted people become very hard to find. The argument in favour of publicising our intentions is easily understood by anyone familiar with the traditions of Mafia life: If someone violates the covenant, he is under sentence of death, no matter how long it takes to find him. That slows up a lot of people who would otherwise act ad lib. Mr. Karadzie should

Mr. Karadzie sbould know that he is under sentence of death. And a special force should be given that assignment. The novel by Frederick Forsyth called "The Fist of God" marvelously explores practices in lously explores practices in the property of the property of

But we begin by acknowledging that some forms of warfare become a moral art. You can't parse them in constitutional language. You just do it.

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Balanced coverage

To the Editor:

I JUST wanted to congratulate you on such a balanced, world coverage, well reported set of articles, without trivia, in your newspaper, which I had the satisfaction of reading earlier in the year, visiting the country as a tourist.

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Schwarz from the Washington Institute, former U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis, Jordanian Parliament member Abdul Hadi Al Majali, Israeli Minister of Health Epbraim Sneh, and James G Roche of Northrop Gurmman Corporation.

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Describing the discussions as lively and intriguing, and comments made by His Royal Highness Crown Prioce Hassan in a Saturday meetiog as "insplrational," Mr. Lewis, now a councillor at the Washingtoo Institute, summed up the deliberations of the various working groups that were part of the event.

While welcoming as a highly worthy goal in the long term," the Crown Prince's call for a Cooference on Security in the Middle East along the lines of the Conference oo Security and Cooperation in Europe, Mr. Lewis said the panellists found that it was too early to think of mechanisms" to realise the pro-

Noting that the very concept of the proposal was consolidation of regional security, he said that the present situation in the Middle East was not very condocive to realise the gnal. He pointed out that Syria and Lehanon were staying away from regional talks and Iran and Iraq were "rogue states" (as called by President Bill Clinton) which oeed to change "their attitudes towards their neighbours."

It is also unclear how lran-lraq relations will fit intn the equation, particularly that iraq's future remains "somewhat cloudy,"

An important élement that was not discussed by the working groups was Jordan's. historical relations with Iraq and bow Jordanians viewed lraq as "tbeir strategic hinterland" against Israel. "There is a clear misunderstanding in the, 1: U.S." over this relationship,

With Jordan having made

peace with Israel, this relationship is changed, with the Kingdom now being a "buffer" between its western and eastern neighbours, he noted, adding that this is an element that should be taken into consideration by the

On Jordanian expectations for dividends of peace, Mr. Lewis said serious efforts should be exerted to help Jordan realise the hopes attached to the Middle East and North Africa economic summit scheduled to be held next month and strong international support should reach the Kingdom, and more focus should be given to the private sector.

Noting the American write off of \$700 million of Jordan's debts, Mr. Lewis said, "Unfortunately others have not followed" the U.S.

Jordan is justifiably feeling "let down" for having received little in international aid after seeing the Palestinian track of negotiations being financially supported by the world community, said Mr. Lewis. Particularly so, given that the Jordanian-Israeli peace treaty "is the most far-reaching and innovative treaty ever to be reached" between two adversaries.

One of the practical things that Americans interested in Jordan could do "is to encourage American tourism" to the Kingdom, he said. Increased knowledge of Jordan among Americans who visit the Kingdom could be eventually translated into a more favourable position in the U.S. towards aid to Jordan, be pointed out.

The U.S. administration should also exteod "preferential treatment" to Jordanian products and increase the "extremely low volume" of \$35 million in American imports from

"Islamic radicalism," Mr. Lewis said, did not pose a threat to Jordan's stability because of His Majesty King Husseio's religious background and his policies that have always accommodated Islamie political thinking in mainstream politics.

But as to the effect of such 'radiealism" on the Palestinian territories, Mr. Lewis said, the panellists could not reach a consensus. However, he added, the repercussions of extremism in the West Bank and Gaza could be felt in Jordan.

Another consensus was the need for a "trilateral relalionship" among Jordan, Palestinians and Israel as the only way to encourage and nurture economic development of the immediate region shared by the three since the effect of bilateral relations and cooperation will be limited.

Mr. Majali, head nf Al And party and member of the Jordanian Parliament, said that in view of the lopsided balance of power in the region, the Arabs needed the U.S. to support their positions in negotiations with Israel.

Describing the conference as a "new baseline for a prosperous future." Mr. Majali told the audience that Jordan was fully committed to the peace treaty it signed with Israel but Israel needed to address the concerns of the other parties in the peace process before durable peace could be reached.

. Mr. Majali acknowledged that he was often described as "Jordanian Likud." but rejected suggestions that this meant bostility towards or rivalry with Palestinians.

Sioce Jordan has acknowledged the need for "a Palestinian entity and a Palestinian ideotity," and the Palestioians bave entered their own accord with Israel. Mr. Majali said, he favoured moves to establish the parameters of "that entity and that identity."

Jordanian nationalism, he said, meant a "total commitment to our Constitution and our political system," and as long as such commitment exists, then-'origins do not matter."

Mr. Majali also underlined the need to "prepare the people psychologically" for the Israel-Palestioian "fioal

status" negotiations. He also called for the

"psychological comfort" of the people by ensuring that Israel's weapons of mass destruction, including nuclear arms, be eliminated, and urged the U.S. to lobby its friends in Europe to extend financial support for Jordan.

Mr. Rocbe of Northrop Grumman emphasised the need to "deliver the benefit of peace to the people" as quickly as possible. "We should not allow it to be a trickle," he said, calling for better educational facilities and technical training for Jordanians and for Jordan not to be limited to access to Israeli technology.

Without naming any country, Mr. Roche said as long as other key regional countries remained absent from the deliberations there was little sense in seeking regional security structures. What was the very purpose of "friends" agreeing to security arrangements among themselves when the notenrial threats come from a dif-

ferent source, he asked. Dr. Sneh, the Israeli health minister, focused on means to counter extremism in the region and the need for the channelling of funds to help improve the quality of life of the people.

Dr. Sneh also defended his government's closure of borders against Palestinian labourers after every attack saying "we have to take precautions."

The minister was defending criticism that Israel was imposing collective punishment against the more than 2.5 million Palestinian residents of the West Bank and Gaza Strip who depend on the Jewisb state for employment.

Dr. Sneh, speaking to the Jordan Times on the fringes of the conference, said the Israeli government was seeking to "gradually raise the number of Palestinian labourers allowed" to enter the Jewish states, but he rejected suggestions that the blanket closures for days, or weeks at times, should be discontinued.

Addressing the confer-

ence, Mr. Sneh said there was an urgent need for the parties involved in the Middle East peace process to "join hands and fight terrorism in all its forms."

Parallel to the "fight against terrorism," Dr. Sneh said, improving the quality of life of people in the region "will narrow the room available to extremists to тапоецуте.

"The United States, Europe, Canada - the industrialised world -- should make an urgent and prompt effort in convince governments, banks and other organisations to funnel investments to projects in Jordan, the West Bank and Gaza," he told the confer-

He said there were many investment apportunities that held out promises of profits while also contributing to restoring stability and security to the region.

"Every cent sent and invested in such projects," he said, "is a cent spent on the universal fight against terrorism and extremism." An Egyptian participant,

a former general, complained that he felt that the entire conference was focusing on the Jordanian-Palestinian-Israeli triangle that excludes Egypt and otber countries in the re-

Mr. Lewis corrected him with an emphatic reference to the weight of Egypt io the region but pointing out also that the central theme of the conference was Jordan-Israel peace and advised against "the sense of conspiracy," which, he said, seems to

prevail these days in Cairo. Mr. Roche was more blunt but still diplomatic. "There are real advantages to warm peace," he told the general in an implicit jab at the "cold peace" between Egypt and

The conference, convened as part of the Washington Institute's 10th anniversary celebrations, was attended by 50 trustees and associates of the thinktank. Robert Satloff, executive

director of the institute. closed the debate after describing the event as a "smashing success."

Merged leftists want to consolidate democracy

(Continued from page 1)

differences that do exist between us and the Islamists. It started since the enforcement of certain laws despite the wish of the people and the undemocratic measures the government used to oppress freedom of expression," Mr. Amer asserted.

"There are major differences between us and the Islamists and the government knows it," agreed Mr. Mda-

Both say that they were willing to work with any party, regardless of its ideology or conflicting points of views in certain issues, for the sake of ensuring democracy in Jordan as well as fighting normalisation of relations with Israel in the absence of comprehensive peace in the re-

Mr. Amer said that since the signing of the peace treaty with Israel, government has adopted many "undemocratic measures" against any opposition to the treaty. overlooknig the differences in the left's reservation and the Islamists' outright rejection of the principle of peace with the Jewish state. This, he said, has reinforced the necessity of the coalition in fighting both normalisation as well as the "lack of demoстасу."

Members of the new party interviewed by the Jordan times echoed Mr. Amer and Mr. Mdanat that their party will have a unique performance due to its tolerance of ideological differences among its members and its focus on cooperation to deal with the challenges Jordan faces in light of regional de-

velopments. Like-other leftist parties, the DUP believes in peace with Israel, but rejects "submissive deals like Oslo and Wadi Araba that fall sbort of adhering to international

The party will also fight the "regression" of democracy and the government's 'intimidation practices" against the opposition, says Mr.

The DUP also has a firm stand on Jordanian-Iraqi relations following the recent defection to Jordan of a top

Iraqi official. The DUP insists that Jordan should refrain from "interfering" in Iraq's internal affairs and is against the warm reception that defector Hussein Kamel was given. It also opposes allowing General Kamel to use Jordan as a base for working towards toppling the Iraqi regime, according to Mr. Mdanat. While he believes that the Iraqi leadersbip is bad as far

as democracy and human rights are concerned, Mr. Mdanat, insists that "any change should stem from within Iraq and through the initiative of the Iraqi people

away from plotting."

"It is for Jordan's own good to refrain from interfering in the issue," he said.

Politicians, analysts and even some members of the Cabinet have said that although Jordan calls for the lifting of the sanctions against Baghdad, imposed since it invaded Kuwait in 1990, they were against meddling in another country's internal affairs. They also said that Gen. Kamel cannot provide an acceptable alternative to the present leadership.

"We disagree with presenting the general as a substitute to the present leadership in Iraq, especially that he was part of all the atrocities he was complaining about," Mr. Mdanat said.

Observers say that while the three leftist parties' move does indeed signal political maturity in terms of cooperative work and pluralism, its outcome can only be judged by the DUP's performance and the difference it is hoping to make where democracy is concerned, starting with how it will deal with the diversities among its own members.

3 parties announce merger plan

(Continued from page 1) by Islamists and leftists, thus overshadowing mainstream political parties whose views on the treaty are very close to those of the government.

Observers believe that the unification moves (left. and centre) represent an admission of weakness and a desire to play a more effective role in the affairs of the country.

"The current situation of political parties and their effectiveness in Jordan is not comforting since some of them have become none more than names or a file in the general secretary's drawer... columnist Sultan Hattab wrote recently in Al

Popular support for political parties have decreased since party legislation in 1993 and members are quitting their parties blaming disorganisation and lead-

ership competition. "I quit my membership after one year of doing nothing... it was impossible to work amid growing disagreements within the partv and the struggle over

founders," says a former party member who asked not to be named. But, like their leftist rivals, the PUP, PJP and JAPP aspire to "take an advanced step" towards

leadership among its

team work to address popular woes, Ali 'Sa'd, secretary general of the PJP wrote in Al Ra'i Mon-The three parties bave

formed a higher committee to work towards merging them. Mr. Sa'd was appointed as head of the committee, PUP Secretary General Talal Ramahi as first deputy, and JAPP Secretary General Abdul Khaliq Shaiat as second de-

puty. The centrist parties in 1992 formed a committee of 70 politicians to unite their parties.

The committee met last week under the chairmanship of former Prime Minister Abdul Salam Ma-

According to Dr. Majali, among the problems bindering the unification of centrists were financial considerations, the absence of a clearly defined programme to tackle certain issues of concern, disintegration, and personal desire for leadership among the party members.

Some participants in the meeting said that the main obstacle in the way of unity among the centrists was their aspiration to join the government which takes away the focus from team work towards personal considerations. One participant cited as an example the number of centrist deputies who are ministers.

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them the invisible army the tens of millions of women who look after households, care for elderly or disabled relatives or break the soil on family farms.

In many homes and in many economies, this force constitutes an economic backbone, but its efforts often go unpaid, and because of that, unappreciated and sometimes scorned.

Now. the U.N.'s Fourth World Women's Conference is trying to change that by agreeing on ways of measur-ing the work of the unseen army.
The magnitude of this con-

tribution to the economy is enormous, the International Women Count Network spearheading a grass-roots campaign said, as unwaged workers Monday began a second day of "silent vigil" at the conference.

· "We are keeping vigil to ensure that the contact group in negotiations comes out with a clear and unambiguous statement giving our work due recognition and econo-mic value. Network spokesperson Margaret Prescod said.

At least 80 women from several Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) began the watch late Sunday as inter-governmental panels

negotiated. The 11-day conference ending Friday, which ran partly parallel to the just-concluded NGO Forum on women in Huairou, north of here, is seeking to craft a key document on action for women over the next decade.

WASHINGTON (R) — The

United States is keeping a

wary eye on a mounting trade deficit with China, but hopes to tackle the growing imba-lance by bringing Beijing into the global trading system and unlocking its vast markets.

Negotiations to bring China into the World Trade

Organisation (WTO) are

moving slowly with major issues yet to be resolved, said

a senior administration offi-

cial. Negotiators have held

some good meetings but it is

be completed this year.

uncertain whether talks can

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Beijing boped to join the new World Trade Organisa-

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"It is too soon to tell, but I

the official, who asked not to record breaking deficit this be identified, said in an interpear. The imbalance with

"We want each of our work which has for far too long been hidden from official statistics, especially national income accounts. now counted and given a measure of value. We are asking for a clear and strong language in the document, Ms. Perscod told AFP.

Given a monetary valuation, women's unpaid work could amount to a staggering \$11 trillion, forming the bulk of an estimated \$16 trillion in non-monetised work by both unwaged men and women in the world, according to a report released last month by the U.N. Development Prog-

The report said two-thirds of women's work and a quar-ter of men's is unpaid and amounts to 70 per cent of the world's annual global output of \$23 trillion.

The draft of the Beijing conference's Platform for Action acknowledges that the value of women's unremunerated contribution to the economy... "is still often undervalued and unrecorded and therefore not reflected in current labour statistics and national accounts."

But it also contains a fudgy clause that underlines the need for progress in "statistical concepts and methods of measuring unremunerated productive activity in the development of economic and social policy."

Women groups are calling for a clearer definition of measurement, saying a breakthrough in favour of un-waged workers will have a significant impact on clevat-

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developing countries. But the United States, which is lead-

ing the negotiations, says China's economy is too big to

allow that kind of concession.

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sion is not a political act," said the official. "As much as

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United States, which marked a record \$30 billion trade

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China is second only to the \$66 billion deficit with Japan.

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The stakes are high for the

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ing women's status.
'The importance of

empowering women through economic independence should be emphasised for the important role they play. Look at what happened in 1975 when women workers in Iceland took a day off and literally shut down the whole country." Phoebe Jones Schellenberg, a member of the lobbying group, said.

John Mathiason, deputy director of the U.N.'s Division for the Advancement of Women, gave the example of subsistence farming, where very often women did most the work - but the income from it was then accounted to the man, as deemed head of the household.

Measuring and showing the value of womeo's work was vital, but "is not an easy matter." he said. "If you are in a very industrialised society and you had to buy housecleaning (services) from a company, you would pay a great deal of money. If your spouse did it, if your partner did it, be it male or female, do you assign that value as though they were a company, or do you assign some other value, and if so, what?"

The method of measurement also bad "possible consequences" to international systems of accounting.

"If you did count a lot of unremunerated work and you added it to the GDP (gross domestic product) accounts," he said. "The immediate effect would be to increase everyone's income. In poorer countries, that would be a distortion." ·

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But China sent Mr. Wu home to the United States

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for a women's conference,

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U.S. looks to unlock potential of China's markets

sharp decline in GDP this year

RABAT (R) - Severe drought will cut Morocco's agricultural output by more than half in 1995, leading to a four to five per cent decline in the gross domestic product (GDP). Finance Minister Mohammad Kabbaj was quoted Monday as saying.

The semi-official newspaper Le Matin du Sahara quoted Mr. Kabbaj as telling newspaper editors at a debate last Thursday that agricultural production would fall 56 per cent in 1995.

"That is why, for this year, we are unfortunately calculating negative growth in real terms." Mr. Kabbaj said.
"At current prices, we are moving towards a stabilisa-tion of GDP. However, at constant prices, the fall will be at around four to five per cent of GDP."

The government's 1995 budget, assuming an average cereals harvest, had forecast GDP growth of 2.5 per cent.

Mr. Kabbaj repeated offi-cial figures for 1994 real GDP growth, saying the 11.4 per cent rise had been exceptional because of a bumper har-

"We will register higher budgetary and balance of payments deficits, which could lead to inflationary pressures," Mr. Kabbaj said.

But he added the government was trying to keep prices under control and he believed price rises would be

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Latest figures by the government showed the consumer price index rose 6.8 per cent in the first quarter of 1995 over the same period

Mr. Kabbaj said a 10 per cent rise in exports and a seven per cent rise in investments so far this year were cause for optimism.

He said the government hoped to reduce public financing of the treasury to 15 per cem by end 1995 and hase it out altogether in 1996, when reforms of the financial markets will allow the treasury to compete for funds on an open market.

Mr. Kabbaj promised an inter-bank market by the end of the year and the full convertibility of the dirham possibly by the end of 1996.

He made no reference to recent press reports of plans for devaluation. He said the government had studied the effects of a devaluation but had opted for the dirham's

"In the long run, we have faith in our economy. When we examined in detail the effects of a devaluation, on exports and imports, we con-cluded that it would have a very negative impact on our economy. There would also be a positive impact but we found that the negative effects were far greater," Mr.

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Women want unwaged work | Morocco forecasts | Arab Gulf states seek to exploit mineral wealth

ABU DHABI (AFP) -Arab Gulf stales are considering tapping their large mineral wealth to diversify their oil-reliant economy and face a steady growth in demand due to expansion in the industrial sector.

Investment in the largely unexploited mining sector would also enable the six Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states to cut a huge bill of mineral imports of more than \$2 billion a year,

according to industry experts. The GCC countries have the funds to tap their non-oil mining sector. Regarding technology, they could invite foreign partners," an expert said. "Such projects are costly but they would help them cut imports and face demand. They are highly feasible given the large mineral wealth in the region."

GCC officials and businessmen are due to meet in the Saudi Red Sea port of Jeddah in November to discuss investment in the mining

The Riyadh-based GCC secretariat said the Nov. 7-8 conference, sponsored by the Saudi oil and mineral resources ministry, was intended to "identify available investment opportunities in mineral resources.

GCC states - Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar,

Syria seeks foreign

investment in oil sector

Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) - have neglected plans to develop their mineral wealth as they were engaged in building their infrastructure after oil was struck and brought immense wealth to the arid de-

sert region. But the six members, which control 45 per cent of the world's proven oil reserves, began to concentrate on industries and other sectors after their oil earnings started to erode duc to a decline in crude prices in mid-1980s.

Although they sit atop billions of tonnes of gold, iron, copper and other ores, Gulf states bave invested only small funds in the mining sector, mostly in the development of materials associated with construction, the second biggest component of the gross domestic product

(GDP) after oil. According to the Dohabased Gulf Organisation for Industrial Consulting GOIC), the value added in the non-oil mining sector in the GCC was estimated at around \$650 million in 1994. nearly 0.3 per cent of their This compares with around 35 per cent for the oil

As a result, GCC states rely heavily on imports, which cover more than 80

gures showed such imports are valued at around \$1.4 billion a year while more than-\$1 billion worth of manufactured metals and other minerals are also purchased

"The GCC mineral wealth is large enough to be exploited not only in achieving self-sufficiency but in export. This would support plans to diversify their economies and ease dependence on crude sales." an industry expert

GCC states produce around 13 million barrels per day of oil. providing more than 80 per cent of their income. This has made their economy highly vulnerable to oil price fluctuation and created persistent deficits in their budgets.

An industrialisation drive prompted by weak crude prices has resulted in the pumping of around \$40 billion into manufacturing projects. covering mostly light products. But industrial exports of nearly \$12 billion a year are dwarfed by the oil exports of more than \$70 billion.

GOIC figures showed Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil producer and exporter. possessed the largest mineral wealth in the region.

It has nearly 20 million tonnes of gold ore, 60 million tonnes of copper, 10 billion tonnes of phosphates and millions of tonnes of magnesium, manganese and other substances.

Neighbouring Oman is also as rich in metals as in oil, having more than 10 million tonnes of gold ore. It also has large quantities of copper, iron, tin, potassium and other metals while its chrome wealth is the biggest in the Gulf.

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FORECAST FOR TUES-

DAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1995

By: Thomas. S. Pierson.

Astrologer, Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April

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set out to do. Home and family interests are fine

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GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Go along with that plan in

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MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Study the best way to attack a plan which.

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VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Study how to

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DAMASCUS (AFP) — Syria is looking for foreign companies to invest in its oil

sector, Economy and Trade Minister Mobammad Al Im-

Syria wants to cooperate with Arab and foreign investors in the oil and gas sectors, the building of refineries and alternative energy sources such as solar energy," Dr. Imadi said, quoted by the offical news agency SANA.

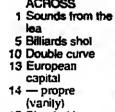
"We also want to cooperate with them in infrastructure projects like railways, telecommuoications, electricity, water and tourism," he added.

The minister said his country's selling points included its geographical position, the size of its market, tax breaks and the freedom to take foreign currency in and out of the

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THE Daily Crossword by James E. Hinish, Jr.



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SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) You are able to talk over with experts any problematical affairs and gain fine knowledge, be more sure of yourself.

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CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Your efficiency at work can bring you fine benefits today, then tonight get help from outsiders for your progress.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Contact as many friends as you can and set up appointments for recreation early today. Avoid one who is jealous of you. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Take a little time for a talk with kin and get good results, then tonight get out with good friends for recreation.

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A review of economic news from the Arabic press

Nine new insurance companies awaiting registration

** NINE APPLICATIONS to set up new insurance companies have been submitted to the Comptroller of Companies at the Ministry of Industry and Trade for registration under new regulations approved by the Council of Ministers last month. These nine applications will then be forwarded to the Insurance Control Department to issue licences which will enable the new companies to start operations immediately. The new companies, capitalised at JD 30 million, will be joining 17 insurance firms operating since 1984 when the door was closed for registering new in-surance firms. Observers note that the new companies have attracted many experienced employees from the established companies while another group of workers has received financial backing from investors to form other new companies. An insurance expert said that opening the door to new companies in this way would damage the insurance business as there will be a lack of qualified personnel and a decline in the quality of service. Another view expressed by a source from the ranks of the new companies sees increased competition sharpening that would result in better services. Some of the new firms will be: The Jordanian Interoational, the Amman Insurance, the Arab German, the Arab Industrialists, Al Sagrithe United Insurance and Al Mashreq to be based in Palestine. Among the founders are: Sami Gammob, Hani Haddadin, Walid Haddadin, Said Taani, Adel Sutara, Abdul Salam Tarawneh, Riyad Kayyali Nabil Arafeh, Ali Mahmoud Awad, Elaine Haddad, Said Tagali, Samir Sawalba, Amjad Sabbagh, Navef Tarawneh, Hasan Abdul Khaleq, Isam Kilani, Zubair Abu Hammad, Ali Farid Al Saad and Ahmad Abu Zaid. Other interested parties were: The Arab Jordan Investment Bank, Shirko Exchange Co., Huvndai Co., Darwish Khalili Sons Co... Regency Hotel, the Amman Investment Bank, the Islamic

★★ TO BE able to face higher electrical loads during the coming two years, the Council of Ministers has approved allocating 45 dunums of land in the Mafraq governorate to build a 100 megawatt gas-fired electrical generation station. The project, which will cost \$40 million, will be financed by loans from the Islamic Development Bank in Jeddah and other sources. Work is expected to start this month and to cootinue for a year (Al

Bank and other established

insurance companies (Al

** HEADS OF Jordan's five official universities received a total of JD 151,554 in per diems for travelling outside the country during the past five years (Al Ra'i).

** THE JORDAN Electricity Authority has been able to cover 10 per cent of its needs of spare parts, from its own workshops at a cost not exceeding 10 to 15 per cent of prices demanded by manufacturing companies (Al Dus-

** A STUDY is underway to set up a department to develop the workforce. The functions of this department, which is to be headed by the minister of labour, would be to support Jordanian expertise going abroad and to consolidate the Jordanian labour force to replace foreign workers (Al Dustour).

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One Sterling

One ounce of gold \$3\$1.80/382.30

A THE ASSOCIATION of Engineers is planning to recommend to the management of the association's complex setting up a consumer cor-poration to serve the members with the revenue to benefit the association complex (Al Dustour).

Jordanian government to review plans to help national carrier

By Suleiman Al Khalidi Reuter

AMMAN - Jordan will make a decision this year on a radical salvage plan for state carrier Royal Jordanian by tripling its capital and taking on 150 million dinars (\$210 million) of losses, the transport minister said Monday. Samir Kawar, who headed a committee on restructuring the debt-ridden airline, said it

'was not desirable" to bail

out Royal Jordanian until the airline improved its perform-

He said a modernisation programme "will enhance the government's ability to shoulder its losses in the appropriate time."

Mr. Kawar's committee recommended the government triple its 70 million dinar capital (\$98 million) and bail it out gradually of its estimated 150 million dinars (\$210 million) losses.

"The report was submitted to the Cabinet which will discuss it in detail to find the appropriate solutions to restructure Royal Jordanian and especially its profit and loss centres," he told Reuters.

Mr. Kawar said once the carrier's performance was improved by reforms already under way, the government would make it into a public shareholding company wholly owned by the state. After financial viability

was restored - within two years - the airline would be partially privatised by selling shares to the public, Mr. Kawar added.

The government report showed Royal Jordanian could not meet financial obligations and service its debt, including losses exceeding 150 million dinars (\$210

Mr. Kawar said the government was committed to Royal Jordanian, which

He said the report endorsed ways to help the airline, including preferential treatment over other airlines.

The report said the government bad frozen debts to Jordan Petroleum Refinery, which stood at 97 million dinars (\$136 million) in the first half of 1995.

The report proposed transforming debts to Jordan Petroleum, the state pension

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should keep long-haul routes. fund and commercial banks into equity of the airline's new 210 million dinars (\$294 million) capital.

> After the restructuring, the government would still be servicing 290 million dinars (\$406 million) in airline debts, the report said.

Parliament is also expected to debate a report prepared -last month on the airline which calls for curbing ex-

penses and ending expansion of offices abroad. It calls for selling non-core assets in hotels, not leasing new aircraft and focusing on its air business.

The report, blaming the airline's weakness on its small capital, proposed a debt egoity swap in an enlarged capital in which the government would still bold a 51 per cent

Qatar ready to sell gas to Israel

DOHA, Qatar (AP) -Oatar's new emir has reiterated his predecessor's offer to sell natural gas to Israel in the event of a comprehensive

Middle East peace.

In a dispatch late Sunday, the official Oatar News Agency (QNA) quoted Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani as saying "we are ready to sell gas to Israel or to another country.

He said the Arab boycott of Israel was bound to be lifted, but only after Syria and Lebanon had signed peace treaties with Israel.

Peace talks between Israel and Syria have been bogged down over the issue of the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights. Lebanon, for its part, demands Israel's withdrawal from a southern bor-

Sheikh Hamad deposed his father in a palace coup June

QNA quoted him as saying in an interview with the London-based Middle East Broadcasting Corp. that talks were continuing for a joint gas project involving Qatar.

Qatar has engaged Enron Corp. to develop its vast natural gas reserves and the U.S. company currently assessing the viability of ship-

ping gas to Israel.
Originally, observers had linked the deal with Enron's plans to ship large quantities of Oatari gas to India's Maharashtra state to fuel a \$2.8 billion power plant.

When that deal was nixed by Indian state authorities this summer, there were worries that a Oatar-Israel deal would collapse, too, because Enron might pull out of

million).

But an Enron representative, Diane Bazelides, told the London-based Middle East Economic Digest last month that "Enron proposes to proceed with the Qatar project" despite the collapse of the Maharashtra deal.

She said Qatari gas could be shipped to other parts of India as well as Israel.

Qatar's gas reserves aree estimated to be the thirdlargest in the world, with more than 250 trillion cubic feet (7.5 trillion cubic metre) of proven reserves.

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Leeson tells of making, losing millions day by day

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LONDON (AP) - In his first television interview since his arrest, the man who broke Barings Bank has told of his life in the fast lane when he made and lost millions and money became unreal.

There were days (oo the Singapore Interoational

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Monetary Exchange) when I could lose £25-£30 million (\$35-\$46 million). There were days when I made £50 million (\$77 million)," former Barings futures trade Nick Leesoo said in the BBC

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"Taking a futures position is a 50-50 gamble and the laws of probability had to say school. tbat I would win some. Unfortunately, I lost more than I won," be said.

Asked why he didn't stop as things worsened, he re-plied, "stupid as it may sound, none of this is really real money, it's not as if you have cash sitting in front of

Mr. Leeson, 28, was speaking at Hoechst prisoo in Frankfurt, Germany, where be has been beld since his arrest in that city on March 2. It was his first interview since the 232-year-old bank collapsed in February under the ever more desperate bets he made in Singapore on Tokyo stock market prices that en-ded \$1.8 billion wrong.

Mr. Leeson said be panicked as losses spiralled and Barings poured in millions from Loodon.

"I knew there was a lot of damage. I was frightened of quantifying the amount," Mr. Leeson told interviewer David Frost.

"You know, I would get faxes in the morning telling me the amount of funding the girls (clerks) were requesting but I was trying desperately oot to go to the office that it didn't stare me in the face. I son raised in public housing ask for his extradition.

project north of Londoo, became a bank clerk after failing mathematics at high

A meteoric career that took him to a luxurious life style as manager of Barings in Singapore ended in an international debacle that cost investors in the bank millions of dollars.

Mr. Leeson was arrested in Frankfurt as he tried to fly home after fleeiog with bis wife, Lisa, to a resort in Malaysia on Feb. 23, when losses were about \$504 mil-Those losses soared to \$1.3

billion during frantic attempts to save Barings, which finally has taken over by the Dutch insurer ING. In July, a Bank of England inquiry laid most of the ame for the collapse on Mr.

for allowing him to make enormous unauthorised bets. Mr. Leeson said there is a risk of other traders operating as he did, and offered to advise regulators on ways to

stop it. The offer appeared to be part of his fight to escape extradition to Singapore on fraud and forgery charges.

He wants to be tried and jailed in Britain, which bas sent white-collar criminals to low-security prisons. British authorities have refused to JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER JORDAN BOTEL & TOURTSM NATIONAL PORTFOLIO SECURITIES REAL ASTATE INVESTMENT JORDAN THTERNATIONAL TRADING CEPTER UNITED MIGGLE EAST & COMMODORE HOTELS ARAB INTER. FOR INVESTMENT & EDUCATION 2ARKA PRIVATE UNIVERSITY

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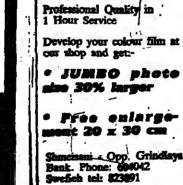
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SPORTS IN BRIEF

ROME (R) - Favourites Italy, who fielded a team made up mostly of Serie A professionals, had four men sent off in a 2-1 shock defeal by Cyprus in a world Military Games match that had the referee running for cover. The shock

elimination on Saturday night was a disaster for Italy, who

had made the soccer tournament their showpiece event and

nae made the societ tournationals. The Italian News Agency

Ansa reported the Dutch referee had to run for cover

immediately after the final whistle as fans threw full bottles

BONN (AFP) - Boris Becker, the tennis star, has filed

suit against German tax authorities for the return of four

million German marks (\$2.8 millions) he claims he was

illegally forced to pay, according to the newspaper Der Spiegel. The German former world number one says he

was taxed on income from a Dutch-based company TiVi.

founded by his former manager Ion Tiriac. According to a

report which will appear in Monday's edition of Der

Spiegel, Becker, who was based in the tax-heaven of Monaco until the birth of his son Noah-Gabriel two years

ago, maintains in his suit that income from a foreign-based

company should be exempt for German taxes. Tax

authorities refused tax exemption on the grounds that the

firm was set up to avoid German taxes and the case will be

PARIS (R) — Carling booked her passage for next month's. Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe after the French Oaks winner

claimed her second group one success of the season in the Prix Vermeille at Longchamp on Sunday. Trained by Madame Corinne Barbe. Carling was held up in mid-

division by Thierry Thulliez, but after striking the front 300-

metres out, the filly went on to score by a comfortable

length from Valley of Gold, the mount of Thierry Jamet.

Later in the day, the group three Prix Foy was won by last year's Arc hero Carnegie, who outbattled 1994 Epsom Oaks and Irish Derby winner Balanchine by a short head in

LIVERPOOL (AP) - Andrei Kanchelskis is likely to be

out of action for 10 weeks after dislocating his shoulder

playing for Everton Saturday against his former club Manchester United. The Russian international winger fell

heavily after being tackled by United's Lee Sharpe and left the field after only 12 minutes of the game at Goodison

Park. United won the game 3-2. "Andrei will be having an operation tonight and he'll be out for eight to 10 weeks."

said Everton manager Joe Royle. "I think he's dislocated the shoulder bone but he's also torn a few tendons and

other things around it. The surgeon feels it's better if we

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Carling heads for Arc

Sampras slams 24 aces to beat Agassi

NEW YORK (AP) — Knuckles bleeding, aces knif-ing through the whipping wind, Pete Sampras outlasted Andre Agassi to capture a third U.S. Open title Sunday and gain the No. 1 ranking in the esteem of his greatest rival, if not the rankings

Sampras spilled blood diving for a volley, rocked Agassi with 24 aces, and when they engaged in the most crucial baseline rallies beat the defending champion at his own game to win 6-4, 6-3. 4-6, 7-5, two months after taking his third straight

Right down to the end, when Sampras served his 142nd ace of the tournament at 120 mpb, he put on brilliant show of his power, control and resilience under pressure that he dedicated to his absent and ailing coach, Tim Gullikson.

"That's for you, Timmy," Sampras said to the television camera, knowing Gullikson was watching at home in sub-urban Chicago. "Wish you were here."

One point, a magnificent rally of 22 shots that sent them both scurrying from side to side, made all the difference in the first set and, ultimately, the match.

A backhand crosscourt by

Sampras ended that rally, broke Agassi and closed a set in which Agassi bad yielded only two points in his first four service games.

That's one of the best points I've ever seen in my life," Paul Annacone, Sampras' interim coach, said. "I watched it in awe, as many of Agassi, who counts on the timing of his groundstrokes. For Sampras, his serves cut the people here did," "It's probably one of the right through the wind, and best points I've ever been part of," Sampras said. "That his volleys reduced the chances of the wind tossing

thought I had a winner until

and I hit that last backhand."

For Agassi, that point

made him realise there was

little be was going to get away with on this day.

Pete knows how to seize

opportunities," Agassi said. "I ran him for 12 corners. He

had to work for it, but he got

it. And to think, the wind was

26-match winning streak, scrambled back in the third

set, capitalising on Sampras' suddenly more erratic serves

and breaking him for the first

time in the third game. When Agassi broke Sampras again

to close the set, it seemed for

finally wear him all the way

to a fifth and raise this final to

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"I thought I'd sneak my way into the fifth," Agassi

said, "and roll the dice a little

This match, for all of their

bit. But it didn't happen."

·fine rallies and all of Sam-

pras' aces, never quite lived

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The swirling wind on a cool

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few moments he might

Agassi, who came in with a

against him there

his shots around, was a huge point. I certainly hope it turns up on the play Sampras bunched his aces, of the day. dealing out three in one game in the second set, four in the "He's so quick. I felt if I could keep him moving, I sixth game of the fourth set. He had aces on three of his could come in on a short sbot. But I never really last five serves.

"I hit an ace up the middle, and I saw John F. Kennedy Jr., Sampras said, drawing laughter. "I did. Honest to God. I said, he looks a little

Sampars looked around at the crowd another time and picked out Arnold Schwar-"There he was," Sampras

said, 'The Terminator. Agassi blamed his own weariness as much as the wind for the loss, though be gave Sampras full credit.

"It's been a long summer," Agassi said. "I had a couple of days off after Boris, which helped me. In the first set, I felt my legs. ... It was way too early in the match to feel that way. I was lacking a little strength. I guess you could say I didn't have pep in my

The official rankings mean little to either of them. What counts most are Grand Slam titles, and this year Sampras has the two biggest and Agassi only the one he grabbed back in January at the Australian Open. "Come December 31st,

he'll feel better about the

by American Corina Morariu

and Ludmila Varmuzova of



Pete Sampras (left) and Andre Agassi shake hands as they talk after their U.S. Open final

year than I will," Agassi said.
"On the other hand, I'd play much more — \$575,000 for him for hundred bucks right the winner, half that for the

"It means a lot to have been out there to try to de-fend it," Agassi said, "bnt it burts not to win it."

Fernandez, Zvereva win 2nd Grand Slam doubles title

NEW YORK (AP) — Gigi Fernandez and Natasba Zvereva won their second U.S. Open women's doubles title Sunday, defeating Bren-da Schultz-McCarthy and Rennae Stubbs 7-5, 6-3.

It was the second Grand Slam tournament title of 1995 for the winners, who also captured the crown at the French Open. They also won the U.S. Open in 1992, the first year they played

Fernandez, of the United States, Zvereva, of Belarus, were runners-up this year at both the Australian Open and Wimbledon.

Schutiz-McCarthy, a native Stubbs, from Australia, were playing together as a team for the first time.

Nintb-seeded American Tara Snyder defeated No. 6

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Annabel Ellwood of Austra-lia 6-4, 4-6, 6-2 for the junior girls' crown. The two played in the Canadian junior championships last week, where Ellwood won in a third-set

Snyder was a quarterfinalist at the French Open' juniors this year and reached the U.S. Open junior girls' quarterfinals last year, where she lost to eventual champion

Kiefer won the all-German junior boys' final, defeating No. 8 Ulrich-Jasper Seetzen Britain's Virgina Wade and

Spain's Manuel Orantes ters mixed doubles title, defeating Australians Wendy Turnbull and Tony Roche 7-6

(7-4), 7-5. The women's doubles mas-

ters was won by American Kathy May and Wade, who defeated Billie Jean King of New York and Turnbull 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5) Several titles were decided

on Saturday. Jong-Min Lee of South Korea and Jocelyn Robichand of Canada took the junior boys' doubles, stopping Raemon Sluiter and Peter Wessels of the Netherlands 7-6 (8-6), 6-2, while the junior girls' doubles was won Second-seeded Nicolas

San Marino, 6-3, 6-3 over Anna Koumikova of Russia and Poland's Aleksandra won by Vijay Amirtraj of India and American Tim Wilkinson over Johan Kriek of

the United States and Britain's John Lloyd 6-4, 7-6 (7-4), and the men's 45s doubles winners were Jaime Fil-SECOND FLOOR OF A VILLA FOR RENT lol of Chile and Orantes, who beat Australians Ken Rose-3 large bedrooms with built-in cupboards, maid's room, large living area, closed veranda, study, 3 bathrooms, kilchen, (290 sq.m.) (unfurnished)

wall and Fred Stolle 6-3, 6-3. On Friday, Australians Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde won the men's doubles, defeating American Alex O'Brien and Australian Sandon Stolle, Fred's son. The Woodies were U.S. open finalists in 1994, and earlier

straight Wimbledon doubles title. They also won the Australian Open doubles in

It was the first time an all-Australian team won the U.S. Open men's donbles since 1973, when John Newcombe teamed with Owen Davidson to defeat countrymen Rod Laver and Ken Rosewall in the title match. Americans Meredith McGarth and Matt Lucena won the mixed doubles on Thursday, downing Fernan-dez and Cyrill Suk of the Czech Republie 6-4, 6-4.

U.S. Open notebook

★ The world's 'top two players - Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras - will represent the United States in its Davis Cup semifinal against Sweden on Sept. 22-24.

Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson on Sunday also named Todd Martin and Jonathan Stark to play dou-

The Martin-Stark duo have played one ATP Tour event this year, reaching the quarterfinals at Memphis, Tennessee. They defeated the American team of Jim Grabb and Patrick McEnroe in that

event and lost to Mark Knowles of the Bahamas and Canada's Daneil Nestor.

Gullikson speculated that the Swedish team, yet to be announced, would be Thomas Enqvist, Mats Wilander, Stefan Edberg and Jonas Bjorkman. He is expecting Edberg and Bjorkman to play doubles.

★ Joint agreement: The Men's Tennis Tour and the Grand Slam tournaments bave reached an agreement that will change the points allocated to the Grand Slam events and the ATP Tour's super 9 level events.

The three-year agreement will elevate the Grand Slam tournaments to twice as many points as the super 9 events, as long as they offer twice the prize money.

Bonus points will be dou-bled for all Grand Slam tournament matches and for all tour finals that have a best-of-5-sets format.

★ Rating tenuis: The over-night ratings indicated super Saturday at the U.S. Open was a snper show for CBS. From 11 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. EDT, the network received a

5.1 rating and a 14 share. The

central heating.

Amman, near Amon Hotel.

rating for this time period is a 46 per cent increase from the 3.5 rating registered last year, according to the network.

From 5:15 p.m. to 8:15 p.m., CBS had a 6.8 rating and a 15 share - a 58 per cent increase from the 4.3 rating registered last year.

Each rating point represents 940,000 homes. A share is the number of televisions on at that time.

★ Warhol portrait: An original Andy Warhol portrait of 1995 Tennis Hall of Fame inducted Chris Evert has been donated to the Hall of Fame museum.

OAKQ62 1979, will become part of the museum's permanent collec-

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raise to six holding either the ace or
king of the suit, or bid seven with
both. That might not be the scientific way to handle the holding, but it Richard I, Weisman, an art collector from Seattle, commissioned Warhol to paint a series of portraits of the top 10 sports figures from the late 1970s, each athlete representing a different sport. Evert and figure skater Dorothy Hamill were the two women

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Platini, Zico and Keegan join Baggio pays off for Milan; Arsenal win Beckenbauer charity match

MUNICH (R) — Some of the biggest names
in world soccer turned out on Sunday to help
Franz Beckenbauer celebrate his 50th birthKenny Dalglish, Kevin Keegan and George day with a charity match in Munich's Olympic Best in the world select.

"who's who" of the international game over and Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the last 30 years. The Kaiser, who actually Mueller, Zico, Seeler and Rummenigge the last 30 years. The Kaiser, who actually turns 50 on Monday, played one half with were all on target along with former Came-

It ended 8-8 in normal time, with the world team winning 4-2 on peualties. But the score of the bunch with a sturning long-range shot. was less important than the occasion as Platini, Keegan and Zico turned back the proceeds from the match were going to a clock with some dazzling pieces of skill to charity Beckenbauer founded for children in show the old magic has not deserted them.

spectacular volley in the 69th minute to the Munich. He captained Germany to victory in delight of the 20,000-strong crowd, which the 1974 World Cup final in the same stadium. included an array of prominent German Uniquely, he was also coach of the German figures from sport, show business and politics. 1990 World Cup-winning side.

Beekenhauer's successor as German The team sheet for the game, which pitted a national coach, Berti Vogts, lined up for the world 11 against a German select, read like a German side with UWE Seeler, Gerd Mueller

roon striker Roger Milla.

But Austria's Hans Krank scored the pick The night was an emotional one for Beck-

Inevitably, Beckenbauer scored with a enbauer, who is now president of Bayern

Jalabert stuns tour rivals

AVILA, Spain (R) - Laureut Jalabert produced one of cycling's most stunning performances on Sunday to win the eighth stage of the Tour of Spain by three minutes 16

The Frenchman began to earn comparisons with the sport's finest after stretching his overnight race lead over second-placed Ahraham Olano of Spain from a mere six seconds to five minutes three

Known primarily as a sprinter, Jalahert proved emphatically he could be invincible on mountain terrain as well, leaving trailing such as Tour de France mountain King Richard Virenque and tough climber Marco Panta-

The increasingly versatile rider with Spain's Once team found a weak moment on Olano's steady march up the Seranillos and attacked about 60 kms from the finish.

Italian Roberto Pistore responded for a time, hut soon lost sight of the Frenchman, whose famed compatriot Bernard Hinault also made a decisive move 12 years ago on the same terrain to take control of the 1983 tour.

m the first round of

the UEFA Cup, featuring

most of Europe's finest clubs

Milan and other clubs, the

UEFA Cup is just as hard as

the European Cup this sea-

son, if not harder," said

Monaco defender Eric Di

Meco, who could also have

mentioned Bayern Munich

Those big names look set

for an easy start and one of

the most interesting first-

round matches will be the

one between the cluh from

the principality and the York-

The 1992 English cham-

pions showed worrying weak-

nesses in defence when they

suffered their first defeat of

the season, 2-1 at Tottenham in the Premier League on

"If I think we will make the

same mistakes again I am not

going to sleep very much the might before," said Leeds manager Howard Wilkinson.

Saturday

and Manchester United.

With Barcelona, AC

of the past decade.

Earlier in the gruelling stage, Jalabert had hinted that this was to be a big moment, getting a fivesecond bonus over the first squad mountain pass. 'He's looking unbeatable,

The Frenchman came

home in six hours five mi-

nutes one second, with pis-

tore a battling second. The main Peloton, including Ola-

no, trailed in 4:40 behind the

Jalabert's third stage win of

the tour did not change the

make-up of the top five, but

did widen dramatically the

Belgian Johan Bruyneel is

third overall at 6:15 with

Spain's Melchor Mauri at

6:30 and Bjarne Rijs of De-

The 154-km ninth stage on

Monday hetween Avila and

Destillerias is shorrer, but

still hilly enough to test

Jalabert's new brilliance. The

tour ends in Madrid on

cluding former European

UEFA Cup holders Par-

ma, who beat arch rivals

Juventus in last May's final,

are in the Cupwinner's Cup

For internazionale and AS

Roma, Tuesday's trips to

Switzerland have assumed a

do-or-die flavour following

Roberto Carlos and Argen-

tine defender Javier Zenetti

seem certain to play.

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this season.

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nmark at 6:50:

September 24.

Monaco and Leeds clash in

PARIS (R) — Ambitions dominant force in the UEFA

Monaco and former English Cup, will also have a strong

champions Leeds clash on presence with four sides in-

star-studded UEFA Cup

he's just as strong as Miguel Indurain was during the Tour of France," said Spanish rid-er Felix Garcia Casas after Jalabert's hrilliant perform-

A South American champiooship and what he considered endless criticism later,

The Rio daily O Globo confirmed his retirement in its Saturday edition with the blaring headline: "Taffarel abandons national squad."

Taffarel said he bad had it with critics, especially Brazilian federation President Ricardo Texeira, who publicly hlamed him for Brazil's penalty-kick loss to Uruguay in the Copa America final in

others have said Taffarel

"When you hear from your president that you couldn't have allowed a goal, mar you failed on that goal, you get even more upset," Taffarel said in an interview broadcast by TV Globo.

The retirement ended an international career that beat the 1981 ran Amer ican Games. Taffarel defended Brazil's net in qualifying and at the 1990 World Cup, where the team was eliminated in the second round by arch-rival Argenti-

na and was highly criticised. Despite all the hlame directed at the team, Taffarel was one of the few singled out for praise.

Sunday league defeats to Par-He joined Parma AC in ma and Atalanta, Italy and after an inconsistent few seasons, was benched in Inter coach Ottavio Bianchi, already under media pressure before the season

Many were surprised when Brazilian manager Carlos Alberto Parreira called on began, badly needs a good result when Inter travel just a him to start in Brazil's World few kilometres across the Cup qualifying matches in 1993, saying if he couldn't border to play Lugano. While Inter may ring the earn a starting joh for his club, why should he start for changes, their three foreign stars - English midfielder the national team. Paul Ince, Brazilian left back

Parreira continued to start Taffarel even after Brazil suffered its first-ever qualifying loss, 2-0 Bolivia.

Taffare leaves national

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) -Thirteen months ago he was a hern, hailed by his countryman as one of conquerors of World Cup 1994.

Brazilian national team keep-er Claudio Taffarel has told his country he wants no

After taking a 1-0 lead in the match, Uruguay tied the match on a second-half free kick - a shot Texeira and should have gotten to.

> league scoring lead with his third of the season in the 73rda; : Lazio 1, Cagliari 0: At Caghari, Giuseppe Signori's ris-ing blast from 14 metres (yards) in the 22nd minute home side's attack was si-

lenced for the second straight league match. Atalanta 1, Roma 0: At Rome, where Atalanta beat Roma for just the second

Baggio's first goal with AC Christian Vieri scored off a Milan gave the red and hlack penalty kick in the 50th minute after Sandro Tovalieri was fonled by midfielder a tough 2-1 win over npstart

Francesco Statuto.

Udinese on Sunday to keep

pace with defending cham-

striker George Weah five mi-

upset hopes of Udinese,

promoted this year from

Lazio, which won 1-0 over

AC Parma knocked Inter

Milan from the ranks of the

unbeaten late Sunday, ral-

lying in the second half for a

In two surprises, promoted

clubs Atalanta and Vicenza

had 1-0 victories over AS

Rome and Fioreutina, re-

In other matches: Napoli

beat Padova 2-0; Torino de-

feated Bari 3-1; and Cre-

monese and Sampdoria of

Milan 2, Udinese 1: At Milan,

Baggio, who had an assist in

Milan's first-round victory

and added three more in the

cluh's Italian Cup victory last

week, displayed the flair for

the dramatic goal that earned him the 1993 :Golden Ball

The hosts took the lead in

the 10th minute, when

Udinese sweeper Raffaela

Sergio attempted to clear a

dangerous cross with a head-

er but put the ball in his own

uet. Forward Paolo Poggi

equalised in the 60th, before

Weah and Baggio teamed for

Juventus 4, Piacenza 0: At Piacenza, Vialli scored in the

45th and 85th minutes and

Juve shut out Piacenza for

the fourth straight time. The

first goal concluded a coun-

terattack orchestrated hy

Portuguese midfielder Paulo

Sousa. Defender Moreno

Torricelli's first career goal

made it 2-0 in the 60th, and Fabrizio Ravanelli took the

the winner.

2-1 victory.

spectively.

Genoa drew 0-0.

First-Division standings.

pion Juventus atop the Italian Vicenza 1. Florentina 0: At Vicenza, surprise starter Maurizio Rossi's first Serie A Baggio, the summer's most expensive transfer, headed goal, in the 67th minute, gave home a cross from French Vicenza its 11th straight home victory dating back to nutes from time to snuff the last season. Fiorentina's Argentine striker Gabriel Batistuta, who opened last season with a goal in a record Juventus, which heat 11 straight matches, was held promoted Piacenza 4-0 ou scorless for the second week. Gianluca Vialli's two goals; Parma 2, Inter 1: At Parma, Italian internationals Gian-Cagliari; and Milan are the only clubs with unhlemished franco Zola and Dino Baggio scored five minutes apart ear-2-0-0 records in the early ly in the second half to rally the hosts to their first victory

of the season. Inter went ahead in the 42nd minute when Brazilian international Roberto Carlos scored his third goal in as many matches, rotating to slam home a bouncing hall. The defender has tallied all Inter's goals in its Italian Cup victory and two league games. But Zola's long drive found net in the 47th and Baggio struck the winner in the 52nd.

Napoli 2, Padova 6: At Naples, where Padova had never lost before, midfielder Fabio Pecchia scored in the ninth minute and forward Massimo Agostini douhled in

defending champion Real. Madrid's surprising 2-1 loss at home to Athletic Bilbao and Merida's 2-2 draw with Barcelona, which needed an 87th-minute goal to equalise, both on Saturday.

At Compostela, Fahiano gave the hosts the lead when he chipped in a deft pass from Christopher Ohen of Nigeria to score at the 20th minute and midfielder Jose Ramon Gonzalez added to the lead with a 37th-minute header off a cross from Jose Ignacio "Nacho" Fernandez.

Compostela continued to dominate in the second half, with Fahiano scoring his second in the opening minute past stunned Deportivo keeper Juwan Garrido Canales.

Ohen finished with a goal of his own, breaking in on Canales alone and beating the onrushing keeper, who had come off his line. In other matches Sunday, it was: Oviedo 2, Rayo Valle-

cano 0; Real Sociedad 2,

Sporting Gijon 0; Valencia 1. Validolido Salamança 0, Celta 1; Espanyol 4, Tenerife 1. In Saturday's other games: Betis 3, Zaragoza 1; and Albacete 3, Sevilla 2.

Atletice 4, Racing 0: In Santander, Luboslav Mladenov Penev scored twice, in the third and 89th minutes, to give Atletico its second straight victory and move it to the top the first division of the first time in four years.

European Soccer Roundup

Torino 3, Bari 1: At Turin, Turkish striker Hakan Sukur's header off a corner kick put Torino ahead to stay in the 65th minute. The hosts led 1-0 in the 23rd on Barisweeper Gianluca Ricci's own-goal, but striker Igor Protti hrought Bari level in the 42nd.

Striker Ruggiern Rizzitelli scaled the game with a penalty kick in the 87th; after he was fouled by Ricci.

Cremonese 0, Sampdoria 0: At Cremona, Sampdoria hiew several scoring opportunities late in the match, with Christian Karemben and captain Roberto Mancini each sending close-range hlasts

Compostela upsets Deportivo 4-0

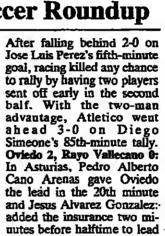
In Madrid, Brazilian midfielder Fabiano Scored twice favoured Deportivo La Coruna 4-0 Sunday, continuing the upset trend in the early going of the Spanish

Deportivo's loss followed

Real Sociedad 2, Sporting Gi-jon 0: In San Sebastian, Real Sociedad midfielder Valeri Karpin scored late in each half to lead Socieded. The Estonian scored in the 35th minute and again with two

minutes remaining. Valencia 1, Valladolid 0: In Valencia, Jose Galvez Estevez scored in the 59th enjoyed a man advantage for the final 24 minutes.

Celta 1, Salamanca 0: In Salamanca, Yugoslavian striker Goran Milojevic scored in the 65th minute to give Celta



The result leaves City stranded at the foot only one point from its first five gamesof the campaign, the team's worst start for 23 years.

Wright was unfortunate not to score before half time when he powered a 25-yard shot goalwards only for Immel to palm over the har.

Arseual now has two victories and three ties from its first five games. Nottingham Forest, one victory and four ties, is the only other unbeaten team of the 20 Premier League clubs with Newcastle and Manchester United, both with four victories and one defeat, heading the standings with 12 points.

In a division one game Sunday, Leicester gained a 1-0 victory at neighbouring Derby to move to the top of the standings, the goal com-ing from England under 21 forward Julian Joachim.

Celtie won 3-2 at Aberdeen to join Rangers atop the Scottish Premier League with two goals from midfielder John Collins and another from German forward Andreas Thom.



Deunis Bergkamp of Arseual (L) tangles with Keitb Curle on Manchester City in their sides Premier League game, ou Sunday. The final score was a 1-0 win for Arsenal (Reuters

the victory and hand prnmoted Salamanca its second

Espanyol 4, Tenerife 1: In Teuerife, Moises "Arteaga" Garcia Fernandez and Romanian striker Florin Raducioiu scored a minute apart to give Espanyol a 2-0 lead by the 21st minute. Victor Manuel Fernandez Gutierrez pulled Tenerife within a goal in the 60th minute, but Jordi Lardin Cruz restored the lead eight minutes later before Paraguayan Miguel Augel Benitez Pavon completed the victory. Wright strikes in last

In Loudon, Ian Wright, struck with a close range diving header four seconds from the end of regulation time Sunday to give Arsenal a 1-0 victory at last place Manchester City.

The England striker dived to meet a well-placed right wing cross from Dutch forward Dennis Bergkamp to beat German goalkeeper Eike Immel from four yards (metres). The goal gave un-heaten Arsenal all three points which moved the Gunners no five places to sixth in the standings.

Rangers, which downed Raith 4-0 ou Saturday, leads the standings on goal differ-

ence but the two Glasgow clubs are the only ones with 100 records from their first

Kanu puts Ajax on top

Ajax Amsterdam recaptured the lead of the Dutch first division on Sunday, beating Sparta Rotterdam 4-0 despite the absence of international striker Patrick Kluivert who was hurt the night before in a car crash.

Nigerian Nwankwo Kanu, wbo replaced Kluivert, scored twice in the first 21 minutes and Marc Overmars and substitute Martijn Reuser added the others to give Ajax maximum uiue poiuts from three games and put them ahead of Willem II Tilburs on goal differnce.

Kluivert was slightly injured in Saturday's car accident in which the driver of the other vehicle was killed and a female passenger seriously hurt.

Kanu netted the first goal in the fifth minute. He put Overmars clear with only goalkeeper Edward Metgod to beat and, when the World Cup winger failed to put the chance away, pounced to score from the rebound.

In the 21st minute Kani headed in a corner from fellow Nigerian Finidi George.

Six minutes before halftime Overmars escaped on the left and scored in the far corner to make it 3-0. Moments before the end of the same substitute midfielder Reuser completed the scor-

Fevenoord Rotterdam conceded a goal in the second mintue hut bounced hack to rout Volendam 5-1.

Volendam defender Elroy Kromheer opened the scoring for the visitors hut seven minutes later Feyenoord were awarded a questionable penalty after Volendam's Serhian Ivan Vukov was judged to have handled in the penalty area.

Ronald Kneman, who had missed from the spot in Feyenoord's opening match against Vitesse Arnhem, failed again when his spotkick was blocked by Volendam goalkeeper Edwin Zoetebier.

Kromheer turned from hero to villain when he helped Fevenoord equalise in the 15th minute with an own goal from a misjudged hack-

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lian First Division match September on Sun-

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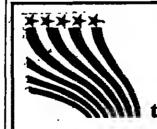
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Some people say the European Cup is the difficult one to win but when you look at the standards of the teams in the UEFA Cup this year, it really would be a tremendous chievement if we could win said United manager Alex Ferguson, whose team failed to reach the quarterfinals of the European Cup à last season.

we have match-winners."

France will have a record six teams in the competition with Bordeaux and Strasboarg, who qualified through the new Intertoto Cup, joining Amerre, Lens, Lyon and Monaco.

Italy, traditionally the



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Palestinians expelled from Libya remain stranded at sea, land

pelled by Libya to punisb their leaders for making peace with Israel remain stranded at sea and on the Egyptian-Libyan border while Arab leaders mediate to end their plight, Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials said on Mon-

Busioads of Palestinians have been coming to the Al Saloum border point between Egypt and Libya for the past two months and some of them are crossing Egypt under escort to Palestinianruled Gaza Strip and Jericho in the West Bank.

'(Lihyan leader Muammar) Qadhafi has opened camps to gather the Palestinians in Libya. He has sent. some of the people by sea to Lehanon and others by land to Egypt," Mohammad Subeih, the Palestinian ambassador to the Arah League, told

Travellers returning from Libya said the Libyan anthorities were gathering the Palestinians in the eastern port of Benghazi and the capital Tripoli in preparation

for more expulsions. In Gaza City, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat said the Libya's decision to expel Palestinian workers is a

"This a new tragedy for the Palestinian people," Mr. Arafat told journalists after a meeting with Spain's Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez.

world to halt the crime against 50,000 Palestinians," Mr. Arafat said. An estimated 30,000 Palestinians live in Libya.

Mr. Gonzalez urged Colone! Qadhafi to change his

"We share Mr. Arafat's opinion that the Libyan measures are unjust," the prime minister said. "I say to Mr. Qadhafi that

the Europeans are united in asking him to put off these measures." Spain currently holds the rotating European

Palestinian opposition leaders are in Libya to urge Tripoli to reverse the decision, sources said in Damas-

A delegation of 10 Palestinian opposition groups hased in Damascus has met with Ahu Bakr Yunes Jaber, the head of Libya's military forces. But they have yet to bold talks with Col. Qadhafi,

the Palestinian sources said. They are asking Col. Qadhafi to "change his decision, which goes against the interests of the Palestinian people and condemns them to a new exodns," the sources

The delegation includes Col. Abu Mussa, head of the Fateb-Intifada, and Fadl Shruru, a member of politburo of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command.

No final figures were avail-

able for the number deported since Col. Qadhafi began to translate into action his view that the 30,000 Palestinians in Libya should go back to their homeland.

He says other Arah countries should follow suit, in a dramatic gesture to show the world that Palestinians gained nothing from self-rule agreements between Israel and the PLO.

Arab League sources said 4,000 had gone by ship to Lebanon over the past two weeks in addition to several hundred pushed to the Egyptian border.

The Lebanese authorities turned back more than half of those Palestinians who arrived in two ships last week because they did not carry Lebanese documents. Only 400 were allowed in.

On Friday, the Beirut gov-ernment decided to halt all maritime transport from Libya to prevent it sending the deported Palestinians. Some 350 Palestinians with Lebanese travel documents returned to Lebanon from Libya last week.

I hope that the issue of the Palestinians will not become like that of the Cubans and Vietnamese - ships stranded in the middle of the sea," Mr. Subeih said in

Abont 200 Palestinians were deported by Libya to the Egyptian border on Sun-

Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker on Tuesday chairs a cabinet meeting in Madaha during which the government heard demands of the local residents and adopted several measures to help develop the region (photo hy Yonsef Allan)

Cabinet, meeting in Madaba, hears demands, adopts steps to help region

MADABA (Petra) — Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker on Mooday urged the residents of Madaba Governorate to encourage their young men and women to take up vocational training which belp them find employ-

-Addressing a Cabinet meeting attended also by heads of local departments, mayors as well as Governor Abdul Qader Habahbeb, Sharif Zeid called on the parents to encourage their

children to opt for vocational rather than academic courses after secondary education so* that they can find jobs immediately after their training instead of taking up academic courses and waiting years to get employment in government departments. Sharif Zeid said he was

instructing the minister of tourism and antiquities to establish a regional tourism council in Madaba to raise the standard of tourism ser-

He said the council would

help encourage interaction among the local residents in carrying out tourism projects councils in this context. to attract visitors to

Sharif Zeid announced that the government was assigning a plot of land to set up modern sports facilities in the

archaeological sites within

governorate. The health ministry will conduct a feasibility study for erectiog a bospital in the nearby Thiban district.

Sharif Zeid said that he was instructing the Ministry of Water and Irrigation to report to the government about the prospects of building a dam at Waleh and the Ministry of Culture to set up a cultural centre in the city.

The government is making allocations for the municipalities and will make other allocations for Madaba clubs and societies.

He said that the government was keen on protecting the environment from pollution and was working through the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs to provide assistance to the various local

Sharif Zeid called on the local citizens to cooperate in improving their councils' services by paying their dues in

Addressing the meeting at the outset of the session, Governor Habahbeh ontlined the governorate's needs and problems, noting the flood of tourists visiting the governorate. He said that there was need for improvement of the infrastructure like roads, electricity, water and telephone networks.

The governor said that the open air waste water treatment plant located east of Madaba was a source of concern for the local citizens in view of the had smell emanating from it which is scaring off investors in industrial pro-

The governor outlined a number of achievements and improvements in the agricultural, health, educational

Also on Monday, Sharif Zeid inaugurated an electrification project for 11 villages in the Mleih district near

Addressing a ceremony held on the occasion, acting Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources Mobammad Abu Oleim said that the government has now completed the electrification of 95 per cent of the first phase of a programme which will end hy November when 246 villages will have electricity.

The first phase, which will supply electricity to 9,463 homes in the rural regions. was expected to cost JD 16,818,000, said the minister. The programme is being implemented by the Jordan Electricity Authority (JEA).

Dr. Abu Oleim said that the first phase of the programme entailed providing electricity to 35 villages in the Madaha Governorate at the cost of JD 1.876 million.

Thai boy kills child over bicycle

BANGKOK (R) - An IIyear-old Thai boy clubbed a five-year-old boy to death after the younger boy refused to give him his hicycle, police said Monday. The boy then buried his vic-tim and hid the bicycle. police in the western province of Kanchanahuri said. The hoy later confessed after being ques-tioned by police and the younger boy's father about the incident, which occurred Sunday, they added. The boy has been placed in the custody of a juvenile court. pending a hearing, police

Turkish farmer tries to shoot out sore tooth, dies

ANKARA (R) — A Turkish farmer killed himself wben he tried to shoot out an aching tooth, police said."While drinking with friends, he had been complaining of toothache and said he would shoot it out." a police source from the Western province of Edirne told Reuters by telephone. The hullet weot io hismouth and out of the top of his head," be said. "The incident happeoed in (Edirne's district of) Uzunkopru." Ismail Ayyildiz, 33, died io hospital from bead wounds inflicted by his own handgun, a hospital spokesman said.

Nancy Kerrigan weds

BOSTON (R) — Olympic figure skating medallist Nancy Kerrigan married her agent, Jerry Solomon, in a union that merged two of in sports promotion. Wearing a white satin gown with veil and train, Kerrigan posed with Solomon for photographers but said nothing to a crowd of some 300 fans as they emerged from the Cburch of the Covenant oo Boston's upscale Newbury Street in the Back Bay section. Some 230 guests attended the 35minute, noo-decominational ceremooy, among them former Senate Democratic leader George Mitchell of Maine and Paul Ylie, Kerrigan's sometimes skatiog partner.

Lennon's sketchbook goes on sale

LONDON (R) - John Lennon's teeoage sketchbook, complete with a selfportrait of the late Beatle squeezing his spots, could fetch £100,000 (\$154,500) at a London sale, auctioneers Sotheby's said. Fans of Lennon will also have a chance to buy his bathroom suite complete with black marble bidet at the sale next Thursday. "People will buy strange things," a Sotheby's spokesman said as the ītems were put on display for would-be buyers. Also on show was Paul McCartney's lyric sheet, complete with corrections, for the song Getting Better from the Sergeant Pepper album.

Angry bees scatter Malawi mourners

BLANTYRE, Malawi (R) Mourners attending a funeral in Malawi stripped off their clothes or fled when a swarm of angry African bees attacked their procession, the Malawi News reported. The beadman in Thyolo district, oear Blantyre, said the bees attacked about 200 people at the funeral of a 98-year-old woman. Mourners fled in every direction. A group of women stripped naked to hrush off the bees and 20 people were left uoconscious. "Nobody was interested to go back to the graveyards to bury the body until six young men volunteered to go back in the evening," he was quoted as

Libya herds Africans into camps

ready to repatriate them." an

SALLOUM (AFP) — Lihya is targetting illegal African workers, herding them into large deportation camps after forcing thousands of Egyptians to flee the country. Egyptian travellers said here

"The exodus in the past day in Salloum of thousands of Egypnans who had no work contracts as well as hundreds of Palestinians was almost over Monday." a border guard at Salloum told AFP. asking to remain anonymous.

"Today, a few hundred Egyptians crossed the horder, which is the normal. pace," he said.

Several travellers told AFP that "almost all the Egyptians" whose papers were not in order had been expelled from the area of Sirte up to the northeastern town of Bengahzi on the Mediterranean.

Some 7.000 illegal Egyptian workers have fled Libya over the past few days, joining 3,000 who were expelled in August.

reported to be hunting down other African nationals. "They have collected

together in camps African

nationals, mainly Sudanese,

Egyptian traveller said. A Libyan diplomat in

Cairo told AFP that authorities in his country were continuing to arrest and regroup in camps African and Sudanese nationals whose papers are not in order." Lihyan Interior Minister

Mohammad Higazi said Sunday that four camps had been set up "to gather together African infiltrators living illegally in Lihya to prepare for their expulsion." Some Press spokesman at the

Sudanese embassy in Cairo. Suleiman Abdul Tawah. said Monday that the "Sudanese nationals coming from Libya. have been returning en masse to Sudan for the past five days." But he gave up figures.

The measure would also "help security in Egypt. Libya will never let extremist elements infiltrate into Egypt across its territory." a Libvan diplomat said.

Egypt has accused Sudan Now the Libyan police was - of heing behind a failed attack on President Hosni Mubarak on June 26 in Addis

The Libyan diplomat said

troduced after the attack and in coordination with the Egyptian authorities."

The Egyptian nationals. even those who are illegal. have not been pestered by the authorities. There are still Egyptian traders selling in the streets who don't have a work contract," he said.

Tripoli has stepped up the expulsion of Arah and African foreign workers since troubles erupted in Benghazi on Wednesday in which 20 Islamic militants and 10 police were reported to have died. Libya has denied any

unrest took place. About 900.000 Egypnans work in Libya alone with 500.000 Chadians, and numerous Sudanese, Somalis. Moroccans and citizens of

Meanwhile. 11 Palestinian families expelled from Libya have spend six days camped at the Egyptian side of the Rafah border crossing into the Gaza Strip. relatives said.

They have visitor's permits issued by Israel to enter the Gaza Strip. hut the Jewish authorities fear they will stay permanently after being thrown out by Libya and have refused them entry. that expulsions had been in- they added.

Iran, Iraq resume bid to better ties TEHRAN (Agencies) - Saddam Hussein has deman-

Iran and Iraq resumed their talks on Monday toward normalising relations, still damaged seven years after the end of the 1980-1988 war. a Foreign Ministry official said

The Iraqi delegation, headed by senior Foreign Ministry official Saad Abdul Majid Al Faisal, arrived here late Sunday to discuss implementing the August 1988 ceasefire agreement between

the two countries. Mr. Faisal held talks early Monday with Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister on Arab World Affairs Hussein Sheikholeslam and was expected to meet Foreign Minister Ali Akhar Velayati later in the day, he said.

The talks will focus on prisoners of war (PoWs) and missing-in action (MIAs). border issues and allowing pilgrimages to holy shrines in both countries, the official said.

The visit took place after recent calls by Iraqi leaders and official media to normalise ties with Iran to ease Baghdad's international isolation. However, Iraqi President

ded the return of Iraqi PoWs as well as the aircraft Iran sheltered during the 1991 Gulf war as a price for peace. The PoW issue has been a major obstacle to normalised

ties, which were broken in 1987 but restored in September 1990, when Iraq faced a U.S.-led military build-up over its invasion of Kuwait. Baghdad accuses Tehran of holdine around 20,000 Iragis but Iran denies this, claiming

citizens are in Iraqi jails. However, the two neighbours have discussed cooperation to account for the PoWs and the remains of soldiers on each country's

instead that 5,000 of its

Iran and Iraq are also at odds over Baghdad's support for an armed Iranian Opposition group, the Mujahedeene-Khalq, which has military pases in Iraq. A planned trip to Baghdad hy Mr. Velayati has been

postponed three times, Iran's President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani meanwhile told Kuwait's foreign minister that Gulf states should solve their problems without foreign help.

on Iraq is a success VIENNA (R1 - The head of enriched uranium from reac-

IAEA: Clampdown

the United Nation's atomic watchdog said on Monday inspectors were sifting thousands of Iraqi documents but so far there was no sign Baghdad's nuclear programme had survived a global clampdown.

Hans Blix, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEAI, told a board of governor's meeting that Iraq handed over the papers after the defection to Jordan last month of Hussein Kamel. son-in-law of President Saddam Hussein.

"Of the information recently provided by Iraq which has been reviewed and analysed to date nothing suggests that a change is warranted in the agency's conclusion that Iraq's nuclear weapons programme has been, for all fractical purposes, destroyed, removed or rendered harm-

less," Mr. Blix said. Iraqi officials last month told IAEA officials General Kamel was the force behind a "short-cut" programme to build a nuclear device.

The project, launched at Tuwaitha in August 1990 shortly after lrag's invasion of Kuwait, sought to extract manufacture of nuclear weapons. Allied air raids during the

Gulf war damaged the facilities, however, and put an end to the scheme. 'As it turned out the extraction process was never

begun. The damage caused by the coalition air raids on Tuwaitha and other relevant facilities made further work on the project impossible." Mr. Blix said. Regular U.N. inspections

would also have rendered the olan a non-starter, he said. Nevertheless Iraq's actions were a serious breach of U.N. Security Council resolutions. "Had it been completed.

this operation could have provided enough weapons-grade maierial for a nuclear device in a shorter time than would have been necessary under Iraq's covert uranium enrichment programme. Mr. Blix said.

Iraq had handed over some fifty documents relating to the Tuwaitha project. A meeting with Gen. Hussein. in Jordan had further corroborated Baghdad's version of events, Mr. Blix said.

France holds 40 in swoops, but key suspect is missing

PARIS (Agencies) — Police hunting a young Algerian suspected of planning a ter-rorist bomb detained 40 people linked to Islamic groups Monday after a series of raids in the Paris area and southeastern France, police sources said. The raids targetted "Isla-

mic radicals and marginal elements who might be helping them and belong to secret terrorist networks," the interior ministry said. A senior police officer suggested Monday that extremists were recruiting dis-

affected young men of North

African origin living in deprived areas. In the suburbs of Paris, police raided housing estates with a reputation as flashpoints, but did not discover any explosives or detonators. However, police sources said the operation had been fruitful in that it had "stirred up

an ants' nest.' During the raids in the Paris area the police seized a number of weapons, forged documents, suspect vehicles. video cassettes and documents, the interior ministry

said. In the Grenoble area. where four people were detained, police concentrated on a hostel for North African workers at Villeneuve. Reports had said that Khaled Kelkal, 24, had recently stayed at the hostel, which houses 410 North African workers.

Kelkal's fingerprints were found on an unexploded bomb left last month on a high-speed railway line near Lyon in southeast France.

Kelkal, who has a criminal record and served part of a four-year prison sentence for robbing motorists after ramming their cars, is also sought hy police in connection with a shoot-out near Lyon in July in which five policemen

were wounded. More than 100 police took part in the swoop on the hostel at Villeneuve, sealing it off for two and a half hours. No arrests were made and identity checks succeeded only in turning up two people whose papers were not in

order. Several hostel residents said they found such checks

normai. On Saturday, police missed Kelkal during a sweep in

Lyon where he lives. Seven people have been killed and more than 130 injured in the bombings, attri-

buted by the authorities to

Algerian Muslim extremists

and sympathisers recruited in

France's depressed big city immigrant suburbs.

In the Paris region, the interior ministry said some 200 policemen and intelligence officers raided 33 'addresses' that may have served as refuge for members of networks linked to the (Algerian) Islamic Armed Group (GIA)."

tained and several weapons, false identity documents and suspect vehicles seized. President Jacques Chirac on Sunday accused the police of "disorder" in the hunt for the bombers and vowed to

It said 40 people were de-

wage an all-out war on terror-"We will not win this war against terrorists without perfectly harmonious and cohe-

rent action," he said. Mr. Chirac chaired a crisis meeting of ministers and defence, police and secret services chiefs earlier on Sun-

"It is clear that experienced extremist organisers have been deliberately working to convert young people m some troubled suburbs," national police director Claude Gueant said in an interview with the newspaper

Qatari emir says father free to return France where he has a sum-

DUBAI (Agencies) — Qatar's Emir Sheikh Hamad mer home Ben Khalifa Al Thani has Sheikh Hamad also said his said that he hoped his father. country would receive Iraqi who he deposed in a blooddefector Hussein Kamel if he less coup in June, would rewanted to visit Qatar, but turn to Qatar soon. that the move would not be "We hope to see him (the deposed emir) in Qatar and aimed to spite Iraq.

near future," Sheikh Hamad He was speaking in an interview with the Londonbased Middle East Broadcasting Corporation (MBC) television. The text of the interview was also published

we have hig hope that God

willing he will return in the

by the official Qatari News Agency, Sheikh Hamad did not say when he expected his deposed father, Sheikh Khalifa Ben Hamad Al Thani. to return home.

Sheikh Hamad replaced his

father in a palace coup when

Sheikh Khalifa was on a pri-

vate visit to Switzerland in

June: Sheikh Khalifa has

since moved to the south of

Sheikh Hamad said the defection of General Kamel was "a disagreement among the ruling family as disagreements happen among ruling families in other countries. I

don't see that it is an impor-

tant issue."

"Hussein Kamel has noit

asked (to visit Qatar). hut if

he wants to. he is welcome,

but not so as to spite the Iraqi

government," Sheikh Hamad

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein in August sent a message to Sheikh Hamad on Arab developments and bilateral ties, the first announced contact between the two countries since the defection to Jordan earlier in the month by Gen. Kamel. President Saddam's son-inlaw and a number of other senior aides. Oatar is the only Gulf

Arab country to restore diplomatic ties with Baghdad since the 1991 Gulf war iin which Iraqi forces were driven out of Kuwait. Qatar has also befriended Iran which has often had tense ries with some of the

other Gulf Arah states.

was a neigbbour "and we have to live with each other in the Gulf." He said Iran and the United Arah Emirates should resolve their territorial dispute over three strategic Gulf

islands, but if that fails the

Shweikh Hamad said Iran

dispute should be referred to international laws. Sheikh Hamad said Qatar will drop its case at the International Court of Justice if Saudi Arabian mediation succeeds in ending its territorial

dispute with Bahrain. "If this (Saudi) mediation succeeds, we will withdraw the case at the International

Court of Justice. But if the mediation does not succeed. then we will accept the ruling of the International Court of Justice." he said. "For Saudi Arabia to suc-

ceed in the mediation, both parties should be ready to accept the (Saudi) solution," he added. Although Oatar has welcomed mediation by its larger neighbour Saudi Arabia, it

Court of Justice at the Hague. Bahrain has refused to accept the jurisdiction of the court_which decided in January that it had jurisdiction and is expected to produce a

verdict by the end of next

had so far refused to drop its

case at the International

Sheikh Hamad said Qatar will accept any verdict by the court, even if it it ruled that the disputed Hawar Island belonge. .. Bahrain.